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Maha plans water management till Aug 2027 as dry spell gets severe

MUMBAI, DHNS: With concerns deepening over a delayed southwest monsoon, the possibility of below-normal rainfall, and rapidly depleting reservoir levels across parts of Maharashtra, the state Cabinet on Tuesday reviewed the water situation and directed departments to prepare for prudent water management up to August 2027.

The issue figured prominently at the weekly Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis, underscoring growing anxiety over water availability in both urban and rural areas if the monsoon fails to revive adequately in the coming weeks.

Officials said the government has decided to focus on water conservation, efficient utilisation of available resources and contingency planning to ensure drinking water security over the next year.

With water stocks in Mumbai's seven reservoirs falling to just 10.35% of capacity, the BrihanMumbai Municipal Corporation announced a fresh round of restrictions, including suspension of water supply to new construction projects and swimming pools, besides a 20% cut for industrial and commercial users. Mumbai has already been under a 10% water cut since May 15.

SC: Clear court orders must be implemented unconditionally

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Supreme Court has held that once a judicial order is clear and unambiguous, its implementation cannot be made conditional on any party's subjective interpretation or understanding.

A bench of Justices JK Maheshwari and Atul S Chaudhkar came down heavily on the Uttar Pradesh government for its prolonged and wilful non-compliance with a 2013 Allahabad High Court order that directed preferential appointment of long-serving Auxiliary Nurses and Midwives (ANMs) to the post of Basic Health Worker (Female).

The court observed that the state had "willfully misread" the High Court's explicit directions, which had attained finality after the dismissal of special leave petitions.

The Allahabad High Court, in its orders of February 1, 2013, and October 21, 2013, had ruled that Reena Kumari and other similarly placed appellants were entitled to preference in appointments against existing vacancies.

SC orders Odisha to support blind man, mother

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Supreme Court on Tuesday directed the Odisha government to ensure that all eligible social security benefits and basic amenities are extended without delay to Japa Bhue, a visually impaired man, and his 80-year-old mother, Radhika Bhue.

The mother and son were reported to be living in extreme poverty. A bench comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justice V Mohana expressed concern about the sustenance and dignity of the duo and sought detailed compliance reports on the welfare measures provided to them.

The court issued the directions while hearing a suo motu case titled "In Re: Ensuring Basic Human Dignity And Social Security For Differently Abled Citizens Living In Extreme Poverty And Other Ancillary Issues". "We are, however, concerned about the sustenance and the dignified life of Japa Bhue and his mother.. The State of Odisha and its authorities are directed to ensure that all basic amenities are made available to Srimati Radhika Bhue and her son Japa Bhue till further orders," it observed.

El Nino alert for 12 states

K'taka among most vulnerable; Centre readies action plan

The Centre has warned that the El Nino weather phenomenon, which is associated with a weaker monsoon, is expected to have a "relatively severe" impact on agriculture in 12 states during the upcoming Kharif season. Karnataka is among the most vulnerable, prompting urgent contingency measures to protect farmers from potential crop losses.

The other states likely to face significant effects include Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Odisha, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, and Maharashtra. Officials have identified 326 districts across these states where the risk is particularly high, and detailed district-level action plans are being prepared to mitigate adverse weather conditions.

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Proactive steps

Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, who chaired a high-level review meeting on Kharif 2026 preparations, emphasised the need for proactive steps.

The minister directed that weekly strategy meetings be held to closely monitor the situation and implement mitigation measures.

District Magistrates will play a key role in formulating comprehensive action plans aimed at safeguarding agriculture and supporting farmers during challenging weather periods, Chouhan said.

"In 9-10 states where the impact of El Nino may be relatively higher, coordinated meetings should be organised with District Magistrates, Agriculture Departments, Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), and other extension systems," he said.

Risk-prone areas are being mapped, with crop-specific contingency plans under development in coordination with state governments, a statement said.

These plans focus on critical strategies such as water conservation, moisture management, inter-cropping, and promoting alternative cropping patterns suited to local conditions.

"Full preparations should be made in advance so that farmers can be provided immediate alternatives, advice, and support in case of weather challenges," Chouhan said.

The Centre is also pushing for a mission-mode approach to boost cotton production through scientific methods, including suitable high-yielding varieties, inter-cropping techniques, mulching and moisture conservation practices.

DRY RUN

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- Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana are the other southern states to be affected

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Govt ends over-the-counter sale of cough syrups

KALYAN RAY
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Union Health Ministry on Tuesday announced the discontinuation of the sale of all types of syrups, including cough syrups, as over-the-counter items, following multiple mass-casualty incidents linked to contaminated syrups in the last four years.

The decision, notified last week, would mean that the sale and dispensing of cough syrups can now happen only through duly licensed pharmacies, a ministry official said.

Following last year's Madhya Pradesh tragedy in which over 20 children died allegedly after consuming adulterated cough syrups, the ministry in December 2025 proposed such a change by amending a section of the Drugs Rules, 1945. The specific section allows certain items, including syrups, to be sold without adhering to strict licensing conditions.

The rules are applicable in villages with a population

SAFETY FIRST

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of less than 1,000, which are considered too small for a licensed pharmacist to open a dedicated medical store. So general stores are allowed to keep a few household remedies without requiring compliance with certain retail sale licensing provisions.

The list included syrups, lozenges, cough tablets, pain balm, antacid, cotton wool, bandage, gripe water, skin ointment, tincture iodine and Mercurochrome bottles not exceeding 100 ml. It has now been updated by dropping "syrups" from the items that will get the exemption. This,

in turn, means one will need a doctor's prescription to buy cough syrups even in such small rural settings.

However, experts believe that the steps taken are inadequate. "It's the contamination with DEG (diethylene glycol) that was the problem. We need strong regulatory services and inspection of manufacturing facilities to ensure safety and quality of all drugs. The state Food and Drug Administration must be accountable," said Soumya Swaminathan, former Chief Scientist at WHO and former director general of ICMR.

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He also acknowledged that several other freedom fighters, including Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, Batukeshwar Dutt

India, Canada aim to double trade by 2030



PM Narendra Modi with his Canadian counterpart Mark Carney in Evian-les-Bains, France, on Tuesday. AP/PTI

MARK CARNEY
Canadian Prime Minister

There is so much more to do together. There is one objective - doubling our trade by the end of this decade

NARENDRA MODI
Indian Prime Minister

I... hope that the negotiations for the agreement will be completed before my visit (to Canada)

'Rahul a massive joke': DMK mounts attacks on Cong

E T B SIVAPRIYAN
CHENNAI, DHNS

Tamil Nadu's principal opposition, DMK, has stepped up criticism against its former ally, Congress, by calling Rahul Gandhi a "massive joke" and accusing him of damaging unity within the I.N.D.I.A. bloc and weakening Opposition coordination in TN and elsewhere.

"We carried the INC on our shoulders when they were fighting for their political survival, only for them to jump ship the second they saw a shiny new toy. It just

proves that the "brother" hasn't grown up at all; he's still a massive joke. Don't come running back to us when the tide turns. Good luck surviving," the DMK IT Wing said in a scathing attack on the Congress.

The DMK has been attacking the Congress consistently ever since the latter left the former to support the Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) to form the government in



Rahul Gandhi



Udhayanidhi Stalin

Tamil Nadu. The Dravidian party is upset that the Congress jumped ship without even informing the party formally and weakening the alliance in the run-up to the polls.

Further, DMK youth wing chief and Leader of Opposition Udhayanidhi Stalin called the Congress a "betrayal" and vowed to never ally with the national party in the future. After the Congress left the alliance, others like VCK, IUML,

(GSOIA), which would pave the way for deeper defence and security cooperation.

Modi and Carney met on the sidelines of the G7 summit in Evian-les-Bains, France.

"The deadline is to complete by the G20. There is so much more to do together. There is one objective—doubling our trade by the end of this decade," Carney said.

Modi and Carney are likely to attend the G20 summit in the US in December.

"We are very keenly looking forward to clinching the India-Canada trade agreement," Modi told Carney, adding, "You have invited me to visit Canada. I also look forward to visiting your country this year, and hope that the negotiations for the agreement will be completed before my visit."

The PM also said that Canada could be a major partner in energy security.

India and Canada launched negotiations for the CEPA on March 2, when Modi hosted Carney in New Delhi. The talks would cover trade in goods and services.

India-Canada merchandise trade reached \$7.9 billion, with India's exports accounting for \$4.67 billion and imports from Canada to India contributing for \$3.28 billion.

Exports from India to Canada include drugs and pharmaceuticals, iron and steel, seafood, cotton garments, electronic goods and chemicals. The imports of India from Canada include pulses, pearls & semiprecious stones, coal, fertiliser, paper and petroleum.

TVK says DMK emptied state coffers

CHENNAI, DHNS: Tamil Nadu's economy worsened on every major indicator between 2021 and 2026 under the DMK dispensation, and the expanded financial liability at present is a whopping Rs 13.18 lakh crore, including off-budget borrowings and PSU liabilities, according to a white paper released by the new TVK government.

It noted that states like Karnataka, Maharashtra and Gujarat improved or stabilised their fiscal positions over the same 5 years, while Tamil Nadu could not. Correcting the fiscal situation will require sustained, disciplined effort across revenue mobilisation, expenditure management, PSU reform and debt management—together with clean, graft-free governance, it said.

Kakoli targets Mamata

NEW DELHI, DHNS: MP Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar told a parliamentary panel that the previous Mamata Banerjee government had failed to curb child marriage and child trafficking.

Later, she told the media that child marriage is prevalent in West Bengal and the "previous government did not take adequate steps to stop it". MP Saugata Roy said the party may move a privilege notice against Kakoli.

Cong, CPM step up to fill TMC vacuum

SHEMIN JOY
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The meltdown of the Trinamool Congress has opened up the Opposition space in West Bengal, with the Congress and CPM now seeing an opening to expand their otherwise meagre influence in the state where they once ruled.

The parties also believe that around 60 TMC MLAs breaking away from Mamata Banerjee are viewed by the public as something orchestrated by the ruling BJP, helping them make further inroads into the secular space. The rebellion in Parliament has also added to the comfort of the Congress and CPM.

Both the Congress, which won two seats with 3% vote

share in the April-May elections, and CPM, which won a single seat gathering 4.5% votes, are in competition to usurp the receding TMC space through targeted outreach.

Senior Congress leader Prasenjit Bose told *DH* that the situation provides them with a potential for "concrete action" but acknowledged that it would not happen automatically.

He said if the Opposition space is opening, it is for the Congress.

While CPM believes that it is gaining "sympathy" on the ground due to its interventions in action against hawkers and slum dwellers, the Congress feels that it is natural for people to look at the party, which is fighting BJP

nationally and would extend it to the state.

Bose feels that the atmosphere is ripe for a Congress revival as it is the primary fighter against BJP.

He said the Trinamool had been the primary opponent for the Left in Bengal leading to shifting of Left base, and this "articulation problem" of the Left would be of advantage to the Congress.

CPM Bengal state committee member Mayukh Biswas told *DH* that they do not have the luxury to give BJP a "honeymoon period" and have hit the streets against the saffron party going ahead with "bulldozing" the poor.

He said BJP has already alienated the common man within a month.

FOOTBALL FEVER



Fans put up posters of Lionel Messi, captain of the defending champion Argentina, amid the ongoing FIFA World Cup, in Kolkata on Tuesday. PTI

Worker killed in Gujarat lion attack

AHMEDABAD, DHNS: A migrant worker was reportedly killed and partially consumed by four lions in a village in the Amreli district early on Tuesday morning.

The incident has sent shockwaves across the region, with graphic videos from the scene circulating widely on social media.

The forest department said that Prakash Chandra,

a native of Uttarakhand, was killed by lions. He was working as a cook at Chahat Restaurant near Kovaya village.

Forest officials said that Chandra had left the restaurant at around 1 am and was found dead at 5:48 am.

The department has launched an operation to capture the lions.

The lions are said to be aged between one and two years.

Grandnephew admits Savarkar filed 10 mercy petitions to British officials

MRITYUNJAY BOSE
MUMBAI, DHNS

A statement by Satyaki Savarkar, grandnephew of Hindutva ideologue Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, before a Pune court has reignited the long-running controversy over Savarkar's mercy petitions to the British colonial administration.

During his cross-examination before Special Judge Amol Shinde of the Special MP/MLA

Court in Pune, Satyaki Savarkar acknowledged that Savarkar had filed 10 clemency petitions during his imprisonment in the Cellular Jail in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands between 1911 and 1921.

The testimony came in a criminal defamation case filed by Satyaki Savarkar against Congress leader and Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, who has repeatedly accused Savarkar of

seeking mercy from the British while in prison.

Appearing for Gandhi, advocate Milind Pawar questioned the complainant on the issue during cross-examination.

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SATYAKI SAVARKAR
V Savarkar's grandnephew

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and Ashfaqulla Khan, did not file such petitions.

"It is true to say that Savarkar filed a mercy petition within the first month after being sen-

tenced," he stated.

However, Satyaki Savarkar argued that clemency petitions were a recognised legal mechanism under British rule and were routinely used by prisoners seeking remission or reduction of sentences.

"...filing a clemency petition was neither exceptional nor illegal," he told the court, while rejecting the suggestion that the language used by Savarkar reflected submissiveness to-

wards the colonial government.

The issue has remained one of the most contentious debates in Indian politics.

The controversy resurfaced after Rahul Gandhi referred to the petitions during a speech in London in March 2023. In May 2024, Pune Police submitted an inquiry report stating that Gandhi's remarks were prima facie defamatory. The case was transferred to the Special MP/MLA Court in September 2024.

Legacy battle clouds Sena's 60th anniversary

MUMBAI, DHNS: As the Shiv Sena prepares to celebrate its 60th foundation day on June 19, the party founded by late Balasaheb Thackeray finds itself at another defining moment. Four years after split engineered by Eknath Shinde, the rival factions continue to battle for political relevance, organisational dominance & Thackeray legacy.

The anniversary carries added symbolism as 2026 marks the birth centenary year of Balasaheb Thackeray (January 23, 1926-November 17, 2012). Against this backdrop, Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray has been working to keep his flock together amid reports that ruling alliance leaders are courting MPs and MLAs. Meanwhile, Shiv Sena chief Eknath Shinde has intensified "Operation Tiger".

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Mamata goes to court to challenge her poll loss

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Annamalai slams Centre over NEET retest preparations

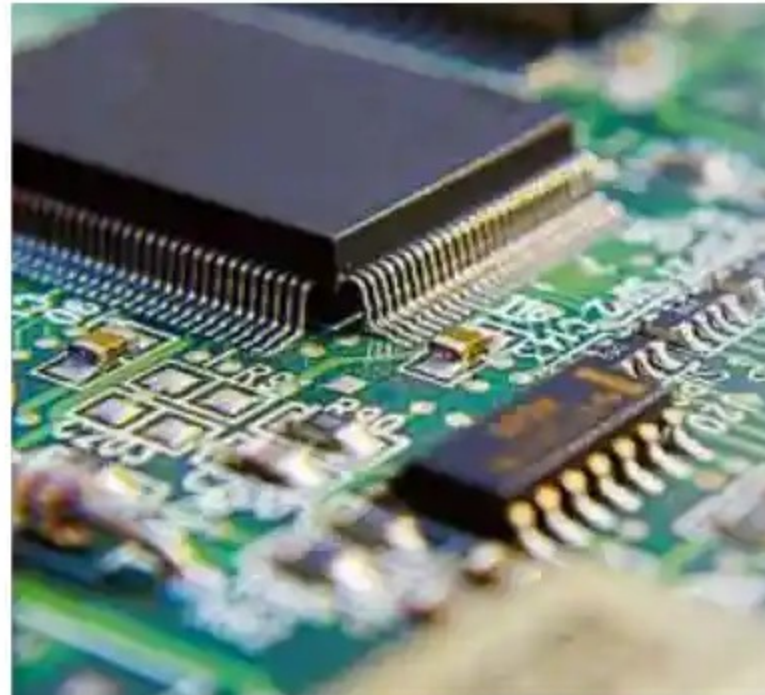
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K'taka among states facing El Nino threat

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Aadhaar misuse: SC seeks govt reply

The Supreme Court on Tuesday sought response of the Centre and states on a plea alleging misuse of the Unique Identification Authority of India-issued Aadhaar cards as proof of citizenship, domicile and residential address, and seeking directions to restrict its use strictly for identity verification.

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Cough syrups sale only with prescription

Amid drug quality and patient safety concerns, the Union Health ministry has amended rules to prohibit sale of syrups, including cough syrups, without a doctor's prescription across the country.

The move is aimed at bringing syrup-based formulations, including cough syrups, under stricter regulatory oversight, officials said.

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HC: Release Gameskraft directors

The Karnataka High Court has ordered the immediate release of three directors of online gaming company Gameskraft while declaring their recent arrests by the Enforcement Directorate as illegal. The Enforcement Directorate had arrested Vikas Taneja, Prithvi Raj Singh and Deepak Singh for offences under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

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'Caste survey report not disclosed'

The Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes informed the Karnataka High Court on Tuesday that its report on social and educational surveys has not been disclosed to anyone.

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With Trump by his side, PM stresses seafarers' safety

Modi raises issue at G7 Summit after US attacks on ships kill Indian sailors

ANIRBAN BHAUMIK
NEW DELHI, DHNS



PM Narendra Modi with US President Donald Trump, in Evian-les-Bains, France on Tuesday. AP/PTI

Oil prices to ease on peace deal

Crude oil and LNG prices are expected to moderate following signs of a potential US-Iran peace agreement and the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz, although analysts warned of supply disruptions.

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India, Canada to double trade by 2030

PM Narendra Modi and his Canadian counterpart Mark Carney on Tuesday agreed to expedite negotiations on the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement and double two-way trade by 2030.

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Solidarity"

"We must ensure that sea routes remain secure and that seafarers can carry out their duties without fear," said Modi, who had over the past few days drawn flak from Congress and other opposition parties for his "silence" on the death of the three seafarers.

Modi had a brief chat with Trump during the session on

Tuesday. The two are likely to have a bilateral meeting on Wednesday. This would be the second meeting between Modi and Trump after the change of guard at the White House.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar had conveyed to US Secretary of State, Marco Rubio India's protest over Indian seafarers' deaths.

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NEET re-exam: Govt bans Telegram till June 22

AMRITA MADHUKALYA
NEW DELHI, DHNS

Private messaging platform Telegram was temporarily banned in India on Tuesday at the recommendation of the National Testing Agency (NTA), which will conduct the NEET-UG re-examination on June 21.

Consequently, the app was removed from the Play Store by Google, and Apple is likely to remove it, too, for the time being.

In a statement on Tuesday,



the NTA said the directions issued by the government were "calibrated and bounded in time" and included "a direction under Section 69A of the Information Technology Act, 2000, restricting access to the Telegram platform in India for a defined and limited period, ending June 22, 2026, covering the day of the NEET-UG re-examination and its immediate aftermath."

The agency said Telegram would also be required to disable its message-editing feature until June 30.

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NEET LANDING



An IAF Mi-17 helicopter takes part in a trial run ahead of the NEET-UG re-examination, in Tirunelveli on Tuesday. The exercise was conducted as part of arrangements to airlift sealed question papers. PTI

YELLOW FEVER

Despite PM's appeal, gold imports surge 34% in May

GYANENDRA KESHRI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

India's gold imports jumped by 34% to \$3.42 billion in May despite a sharp increase in tariffs and an appeal by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to avoid buying the precious metal to protect the country's foreign exchange.

As per the Ministry of Commerce and Industry data, India imported gold worth \$9.04 billion in the first two months of the current financial year, which is 60% higher when compared with the same period last year.

"Continued strong gold imports could keep pressure on India's trade deficit and foreign-exchange outflows even after the sharp tariff increase," said Ajay Srivastava, founder, Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI).

Amid a record dip in the value of the rupee and weakening foreign exchange reserve, Prime Minister Modi on May 10 made a direct appeal to the citizens to avoid gold purchases for a year.

Just a couple of days after the PM's

appeal, the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) more than doubled gold import duty from 6% to 15%, the single largest increase on record.

With 3% GST, the effective import duty on gold in India stands at 18.45%, one of the highest in the world. Despite such high tariffs, which have added to the cost, Indians' love for gold has hardly been deterred.

"The resilience of gold demand reflects a combination of factors: strong jewellery consumption,

investor demand for safe-haven assets amid global uncertainty, and record international gold prices that inflated the value of imports," said Srivastava.

Gold import has been among the biggest contributors to the country's widening trade deficit. India imported gold worth \$72 billion in 2025-26, which was 24.1% higher than the previous year's \$58 billion. In 2023-24, India imported gold worth \$45.54 billion.

India is the world's second-largest consumer of gold after China. Almost all of India's gold demand is met through imports.



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12-year-old bitten by pet Rottweiler; owner & family booked

BENGALURU, DHNS: A 12-year-old boy was allegedly attacked and bitten by a pet Rottweiler in Mahadevapura, following which police registered a case against the dog's owner and his family members on charges of negligence and criminal intimidation.

According to the FIR, the

complainant, Vipin V, an ex-serviceman, said that his neighbour, Shyam, regularly allowed his pet dog to roam without a muzzle or proper restraint, posing a threat to residents of Maheshwari Nagar.

The incident occurred



around 2.30 pm on June 13 when Vipin's son was riding his bicycle on the street. The dog allegedly ran out through the house gate and bit the boy on his right hip, causing injuries. Vipin approached Shyam's family seeking an explanation.

But Shyam and his wife, Vijayalakshmi, claimed that the boy may have provoked the dog. They also allegedly threatened him with dire consequences if he approached the police to file a complaint.

Based on the complaint, police have registered a case and launched an investigation.

Cops bust drug rackets, seize narcotics & banned tobacco products worth Rs 8 cr

Joint operations by CCB and local police stations across city; 23 arrested

BENGALURU, DHNS

In a series of coordinated operations over several days, Bengaluru police busted multiple drug rackets and seized narcotics, e-cigarettes, and other prohibited tobacco products with an estimated market value of Rs 8 crore.

A total of 23 suspects were arrested during the operations, including two foreign nation-

als, six people from other states, and 15 local residents.

According to police, officers of the Central Crime Branch (CCB) and personnel from the Hebbal, Indiranagar, Jeevan Beema Nagar, Suddaguntepalya, Hennur, Banaswadi, Ulsoor and KG Halli police stations received credible information about the illegal sale of narcotic substances within their respective jurisdictions.

Based on the intelligence inputs, cases were registered under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, and raids were conducted at locations identified by informants.

"During these operations, a total of 23 people, including two foreign nationals,



six from other states and 15 locals, were apprehended on different dates," police said in a statement.

During interrogation, the accused confessed that they had procured narcotic substances from interstate, local and foreign-linked sources at lower prices and sold them at higher rates to members of the public, including college students, to make quick profits.

The police seized 5.360 kg of hydroponic ganja, 10.998 kg

of ganja, 143 grams of cocaine, 237 grams of MDMA, and 107 grams of methamphetamine.

They also recovered 1,197 e-cigarettes, 180 boxes of e-cigarette oil and related products, 452 boxes of foreign cigarettes, 490 individual foreign cigarette packs, 1,206 hookah cigarettes, 120 hookah sets, 100 e-cigarette refills, and six additional hookah sets.

According to police, the seized contraband is valued at approximately Rs 4 crore, while its estimated street value is nearly double that amount.

"Further investigation is in progress. All 23 accused were produced before the court on various dates and remanded to judicial custody," the statement added.

Two arrested for gold jewellery theft; stolen goods worth Rs 1.64 cr recovered

BENGALURU, DHNS: Malleswaram police have arrested two men in connection with the theft of gold jewellery and recovered 1.08 kg of gold bullion and jewellery worth Rs 1.64 crore.

The accused have been identified as Paresh Sony, 49, a resident of Gujarat, and Praveen alias Pappu, 44, from Maharashtra.

According to police sources, two other accomplices remain absconding, and efforts are underway to trace and arrest them.

The arrests were made following a complaint filed on May 16 by a resident of Chickpet, who alleged that the accused stole 1.514 kg of gold jewellery after posing as bulk buyers.

The suspects had requested to photograph the jewellery before purchasing it and fled with the valuables.

During the investigation, police arrested one of the accused near Seshadripuram on May 19.

During questioning, he confessed to committing the crime along with three associates. Based on the information he provided, the second accused was arrested on May 20 near Prarthana Samaj in Mumbai.

"He admitted to his involvement in the crime and revealed that 220 grams of the stolen gold jewellery had been sold to a jewellery shop in Zaveri Bazaar, Mumbai. Subsequently, 220 grams of gold bullion were recovered from the shop," police said in a statement.

Further investigation revealed that portions of the stolen jewellery had been handed over to associates residing in Chickpet, Avalahalli and Gutahalli. Police recovered 788 grams of gold jewellery from these locations.

Remanded to custody

"With the arrest of the two accused, police recovered a total of 1.08 kg of gold jewellery and gold bullion valued at Rs 1.64 crore. Both accused were produced before a court and remanded to judicial custody," the statement added.

Bomb threat e-mail triggers security checks at RTO offices

BENGALURU, DHNS

Several Regional Transport Office (RTO) offices across Bengaluru received a bomb threat e-mail on Tuesday, prompting extensive security checks by the police.

The threatening e-mail was reportedly sent to RTO offices in Kasturinagar, Jnanabharathi, Talaghattapura and HSR Layout.

The sender claimed that "13 cyanide gas isopropanol bombs" had been planted and would explode from 1.15 pm, with RTO washrooms being the first targets.

The e-mail also contained references to alleged drug money, extremist groups and a movie, while warning people to cover their nose and mouth during evacuation to avoid inhaling the gas.

Sent from an anonymous account and signed in the name of a banned organisation, the message is suspected to have been intended



Bomb detection squad personnel inspect the premises of an RTO office in Bengaluru on Tuesday.

to create panic.

Following the alert, local police teams and bomb detection squads conducted thorough inspections at the affected RTO offices. However, no explosives or suspicious objects were found.

Police are yet to trace the sender or determine the origin of the e-mail.

Separate cases have been registered in the respective police station limits, and further investigation is underway.

Lokayukta raids KHB, Bescom officials; Rs 11-cr assets found

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Karnataka Lokayukta on Tuesday raided nine locations linked to two government officials in Bengaluru on allegations of possessing assets disproportionate to their known income, unearthing property and cash worth Rs 11 crore in total.

Searches were carried out at five premises linked to Rajanna SL, Additional Director (Town Planning) at the Karnataka Housing Board.

Officials found immovable assets comprising three sites, two houses and three acres of agricultural land valued at Rs 3.89 crore, along with movable assets including cash, gold and silver ornaments, vehicles and bank savings worth Rs 1.07 crore.

Total assets traced in

Rajanna's name and linked properties were valued at Rs 7.10 crore.

In a separate operation, four locations linked to Uday Kumar MB, Assistant Executive Engineer with Bescom in Yelahanka, were searched.

Officials unearthed 10 sites, a house and one acre of agricultural land worth Rs 2.66 crore. Movable assets, including cash, gold and silver ornaments, vehicles and fixed deposits amounted to Rs 87.93 lakh. Total assets detected in his case were valued at Rs 3.90 crore.

Lokayukta officials said the searches were part of disproportionate assets cases registered against the two and that further investigation is underway.

◆ IN THE CITY ◆

GENERAL

Florence Nightingale Award: G Parameshwar, UT Khader, Dr Shanprakash Patil, Dinesh Gundu Rao and Rizwan Arshad to attend; Anglo Indian Unity Centre; Methodist Church; 9.30 am.

Hasiru Habba: Uma Mahadevan and M Maheshwar Rao to attend; Hasiru Dala; Freedom Park; 11 am.

CULTURAL

'Bhagavad Gita' play performance: Music and direction by AN Murthy; Ravindra Kalakshetra, JC Road; from 3.30 pm onwards.

Youth Drama Festival: Nayana Ranga Mandira, Kannada Bhavan; 5 pm.

Discourse on 'Keshavanama' by Kanakadasa: Raghavendra Seva Samiti; Sri Raghavendra Swamygala Math; Sudhindra Nagar; 7 pm.

◆ CITY WEATHER ◆

FORECAST

Partly cloudy sky

TEMPERATURES

Maximum 31.8°C
Minimum 22.1°C

Rainfall (as of 8:30 am) --

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Sunrise (June 18) 5:54 am

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Moonset 10:20 pm

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SCHEDULE

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Property	Developmental Right Certificate
Certificate No. and Date and Folio No.	Certificate No. 278, dated 14-05-2026 Ledger Folio No. BDA/TDR Cell/DRC/278/2026-27
Originated from	Survey No. : 33/2 Extent of land acquired : 2,858.06 Sq Mtrs.
	Village : Aduru
	Hobli : Bidarahalli
	Taluk : Bengaluru East Taluk
TDR	5,716.13 square meters
Issuing authority	The Commissioner, Bangalore Development Authority

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Originated from	Survey No. : 26/5 Extent of land acquired : 22 guntas
	Village : Adur
	Hobli : Bidarahalli
	Taluk : Bengaluru East Taluk
TDR	4,451.5 square meters
Issuing authority	The Commissioner, Bangalore Development Authority

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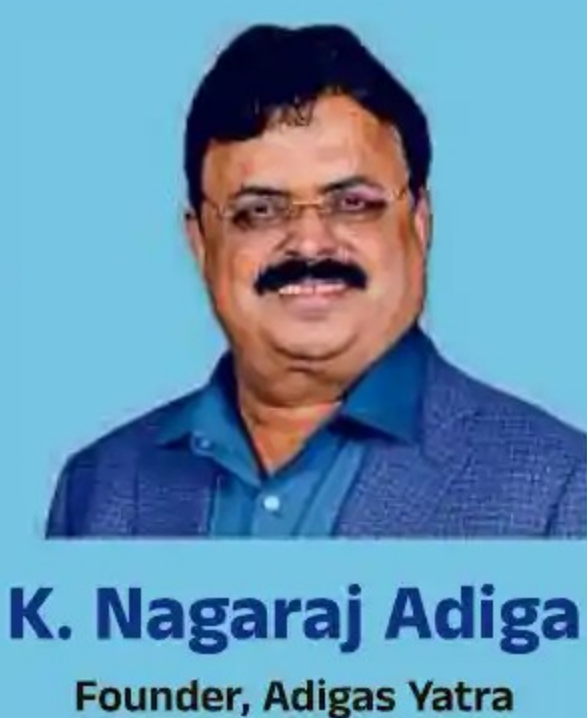
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Dates: JUL 9, 23. AUG 6, 13, 20.
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NOV 5, 19, 26. DEC 3, 10

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Dates: JUL 9, 23.
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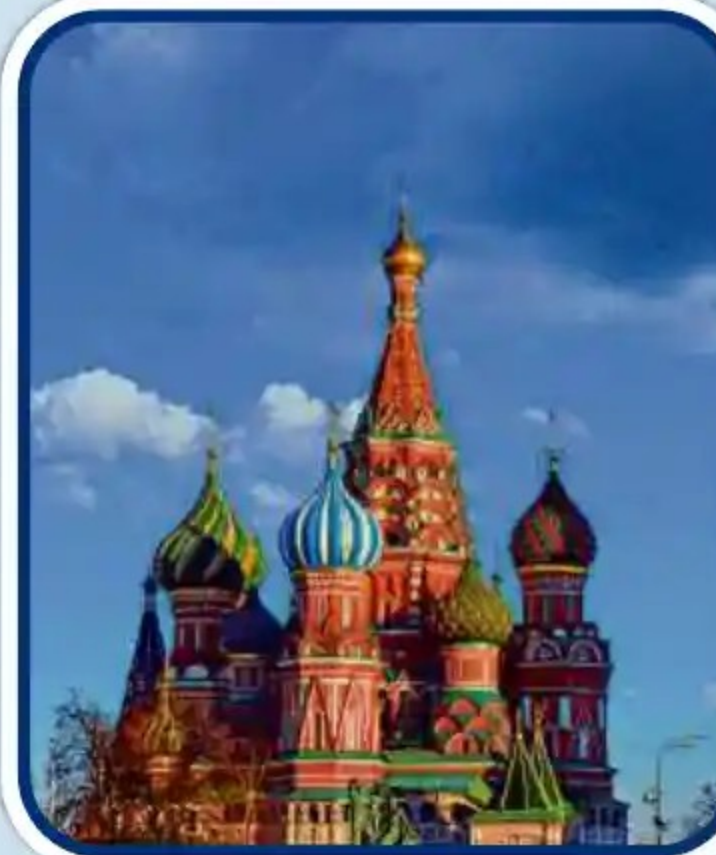


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8 Days

Dates: JUL 9, 23. AUG 13, 27.
SEP 10, 24. OCT 1, 15, 22, 29.
NOV 12, 26. DEC 3, 17.

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7 Days

Moscow &
Saint Petersburg

Dates: AUG 10, 24. SEP 7, 21.
OCT 5, 12, 19. NOV 2, 9.

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Hong Kong - Macau-Shenzhen

7 Days

Dates: JUL 9, 23. AUG 13, 20.
SEP 17, 24. OCT 1, 15, 29.
NOV 5, 12, 19. DEC 3, 10.

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England & Europe

9 / 13 / 16 Days

Dates: AUG 25. SEP 15, 29.
OCT 13, 27. NOV 10.

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Singapore - Malaysia - Thailand

4 / 5 / 8 / 12 / 16 Days

Dates: JUL 3, 16. AUG 6, 13, 20.
SEP 3, 17, 24. OCT 1, 15, 29.
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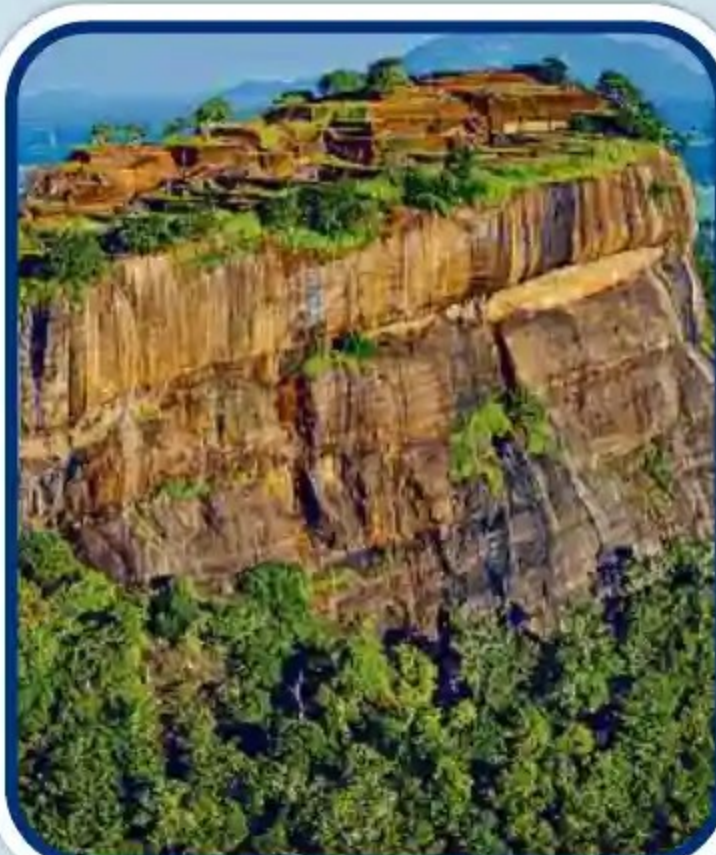


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5 / 7 / 9 Days

Dates: JUL 6, 20. AUG 3, 17.
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5 / 7 / 8 Days

Dates: JUL 9, 23.
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Dates: JUL 9, 23. AUG 6, 13, 20.
SEP 10, 17, 24. OCT 1, 15, 29.
NOV 5, 19, 26. DEC 3, 10.

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10 Days

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Dates: AUG 16, 30. SEP 20, 27.
OCT 4, 18. NOV 8, 15, 22. DEC 6, 13.

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Dengue cases fall, but monsoon brings fresh health risks

Doctors urge continued vigilance through July

AMULLYA SHIVASHANKAR
BENGALURU, DHNS

Dengue cases in the city have fallen 55% this April and May compared to the same period last year, with 193 cases reported against 429 in 2025.

So far, this June, 42 dengue cases have been recorded, against 489 in the whole of June 2025.

In 2024, April had recorded 217 cases and May 782 cases, official data shows.

Officials cited mitigation

efforts focused on breeding grounds and fumigation as possible reasons for the downward trend.

“ASHA workers are regularly visiting households to raise awareness about dengue and ensure places are clean with no stagnant water. But we must be more careful moving forward as rainfall is expected,” Dr Syed Sirajuddin Madni, Chief Health Officer, Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA).

Mahadevapura, a dengue hotspot in the past, appears to have controlled the growth



While dengue is declining, doctors are reporting a surge in viral fevers, upper respiratory tract infections, influenza-like illnesses, gastroenteritis, typhoid, Hepatitis A, and leptospirosis.

and spread of disease-causing mosquitoes, he added.

Doctors noted that hospitals were seeing few dengue cases

and fewer admissions.

“As of now, the numbers are very low. We are not seeing any admissions either, maybe there were only one or two sporadic cases. But as of now, nothing major, no outbreaks or positive cases,” said Dr Sunil S Bohra, Internal Medicine Specialist.

He added that with monsoon rains expected to intensify from July, stagnant water in coconut shells, pots, and low-lying areas could drive up cases.

“These are usually the causes for a breakout if the places are not fumigated. Continued vigilance is essential even if current trends appear stable or lower than expected,” he said.

Doctors are, however, witnessing a sharp rise in viral fever, upper respiratory tract

infections, and influenza-like illnesses.

“We commonly see a rise in several monsoon-related illnesses such as viral fever, upper respiratory tract infections, influenza-like illnesses, gastroenteritis, food- and water-borne infections such as typhoid and Hepatitis A. Cases of leptospirosis may also occur, particularly after exposure to contaminated water. Increased humidity and fluctuating temperatures can worsen respiratory conditions such as asthma and allergies,” said Dr Swati Rajagopal, Senior Consultant in Infectious Disease and Travel Medicine.

Simple preventive measures, timely medical consultation and clean surroundings can significantly reduce the risk of monsoon-related illnesses, she added.

Hepatitis B no longer a hurdle for organ donation: Doctors

Antivirals make Hep B-positive donor transplants safe and viable

AMULLYA SHIVASHANKAR
BENGALURU, DHNS

People diagnosed with Hepatitis B can donate organs with the help of antiviral therapy and medication, helping address the ever-growing demand for organs.

Doctors say successful transplantation is possible through regular monitoring of the recipient's and donor's liver function.

Dr Mohan Keshavamurthy, Principal Director, Renal Sciences, said the presence of Hepatitis B was earlier considered a contraindication to donation due to concerns about viral transmission and long-term outcomes.

“Advances in our understanding of the disease, coupled with effective antiviral therapies and improved recipient protection strategies, have enabled us to safely expand the donor pool. This evolution has



helped address the growing shortage of donor organs while maintaining patient safety,” he said.

Individuals with active hepatitis, significant liver fibrosis or cirrhosis, uncontrolled viral replication, liver dysfunction, or related health concerns are generally not considered for donation.

Dr Sonal Asthana, Lead Consultant, Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary (HPB) and Liver Transplant Surgery, said both donor and recipient undergo detailed screening for Hepatitis B markers and viral activity before transplantation. Recipients are encouraged to complete Hepatitis B vaccination if not already immune.

“After transplantation, antiviral medications may be prescribed, when necessary,

especially if there is any donor-related risk.

Regular monitoring of liver function and Hepatitis B tests helps detect any infection, allowing timely treatment,” she said.

Since transplant recipients require lifelong immunosuppressive medications, they are more vulnerable to infections. Vaccination and antibody testing are, therefore, routine parts of the pre-transplant evaluation process, she added.

Father turns donor

Dr Ganesh Srinivasa Prasad P, Consultant, Nephrology, cited the case of a 28-year-old patient with chronic kidney disease who needed a transplant.

The father, willing to donate, was found to be Hepatitis B positive during blood tests. However, the son had received the Hepatitis B vaccination and was immune.

“By devising an elaborate transplant plan, we were able to successfully complete the transplantation,” Dr Prasad said, adding that the patient was completely healthy one year on, with no signs of infection.

He said such medical advances help reduce the burden on organ donation.

Farmers protest paid parking at KR Market

BENGALURU, DHNS: Farmers staged a protest at KR Market on Tuesday against the pay-and-park system introduced by the Bengaluru Central City Corporation, demanding that paid parking be dropped at the city's largest wholesale market.

The protest was led by Rajya Raitha Sangha and Hasiru Sene.

Farmers also met senior officials of the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) and the corporations with the same demand related to parking. GBA Chief Commissioner M Maheshwar Rao said measures would be taken to ensure free parking for farmers.

Corporation commissioner G Jagadeesha met the farmers, gave an assurance, and requested them to withdraw the protest.

Park board vanishes, retaining walls come up at site in HRBR Layout

NAVEEN MENEZES
BENGALURU, DHNS

A cement board identifying a site in HRBR Layout as a park has gone missing, with retaining walls coming up on all sides, raising suspicion of encroachment.

The open patch of land adjoins Outer Ring Road (ORR) and belongs to the erstwhile Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP).

The site, located next to a Bangalore One centre, has for years been shown as a park in official records.

Eyewitnesses say the cement board has not just been razed, but removed from the spot.

DH has a photograph of the board taken a week ago.

In response to a query, BDA officials denied encroachment.



The site carried a park signboard for years, but it disappeared last week. A retaining wall is now under construction at the property. DH PHOTOS/NAVEEN MENEZES

An assistant executive engineer said the site “is reserved for the park and the Bangalore One office is located at this place”. The official added that recent rains had caused a tree to fall on the Bangalore One building, leading to the collapse of a small portion of the structure and damage to the signboard.

“There is no encroachment of the site but need to clean the site area,” the response said.

Locals suspect more than a clean-up.

A trader on the stretch said retaining wall construction is underway on land earmarked as a park, and that the work is being monitored by people who arrived in a BMW car.

Engineers of the Bengaluru East City Corporation did not respond to calls.

Going by the name on the cement board, the park belongs to the BBMP, now split into five corporations. The site has also turned into an informal dumping yard, with piles of mixed waste and debris strewn across the property.

Special trains

BENGALURU, DHNS: The railways will extend special trains between SMVT Bengaluru and Thiruvananthapuram North to clear the extra rush:

Train 06523 will continue to run on Mondays from June 29 to July 27 (except on July 6), while train 06524 will run on Tuesdays from June 30 to July 28 (except on July 7). Train 06547 will run on Wednesdays from July 1 to 29 (except on July 8), and train 06548 on Thursdays from July 2 to 30 (except on July 9).

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City women recount misogynistic dates

They say the 'Rs 370 biryani' row highlights broader patterns of entitlement, sexism and disregard for consent

SHRADDHA A K
TEAM METROLIFE

The raging controversy around the Rs 370 biryani 'joke' by Himanshu Jangra not only highlights a sense of entitlement but also deeper issues around consent, sexism, and safety in dating culture. Although Himanshu later said he had improvised parts of his dating story, he had initially described coercing and touching the woman without her consent.

Women in Bengaluru, in their early and late 20s, recount similar dating experiences that were marked by misogyny, coercion, and situations that left them feeling unsafe.

Nisha* recalls a date where the man repeatedly insisted on paying the bill despite her objections. "I'm a man. I need to pay," he told her. Later, when she refused to kiss him, he became aggressive. He accused her of using him for a free meal and called her a "woke whore".

Maya* met a man she had known as a friend after the two bonded over anime. At his home, he suggested playing a sexualised version of 'Truth or Dare' and continued pushing increasingly intimate dares even after she expressed discomfort. "I felt trapped and pressured into getting physical," she says. She also recalls multiple dates where men insisted on paying the bill and then used alcohol as an excuse to move closer, grope, or kiss her without consent.

Several women said that when caught off guard in such situations, they felt too scared or froze in the moment to protest or escape, even in public spaces.

Misogyny takes many forms. Tanya* recalls a date where a man spoke about the "male loneliness epidemic" and blamed it on independent women. "He said society would be 'balanced' if women stopped working," she recalls. When she refused to go to his place, he demanded that she pay the full bill. On another occasion, a man immediately sent her a request to split the bill after she declined intimacy.

Standup comedy in India has once again come under fire — for packaging misogyny as public entertainment. What began as crowdwork at Mumbai-based comedian

Pranit More's show in Gurugram spiralled into social media backlash, a job loss, FIRs, a summons from the National Commission for Women, and even dug up other problematic

comic takes and the people behind them. The controversy erupted after Himanshu Jangra, a web developer, joked about expecting physical intimacy in return for paying Rs 370 for a plate

of biryani on a date. As the clip went viral, his employer, Gurugram-based Starvik Design, fired him despite finding no prior workplace misconduct.

WHAT HAPPENED?

Can employers fire you for off-duty conduct?

Experts across human resources, workplace safety, law and sociology weigh in on the debate

BARKHA KUMARI
TEAM METROLIFE

The Rs 370 biryani row has sparked another debate online: Did Himanshu Jangra deserve to be fired for a remark made outside the workplace?

Speaking anonymously, six founders and HR professionals in Bengaluru share how they would have handled the situation.

Two said they would terminate such an employee immediately. They cited their responsibility to provide a dignified workplace to other employees, as well as to protect the company's reputation. One argued that reputational damage could lead to loss of clients, ultimately affecting the jobs of other employees.

An HR professional said that if the employee was in a client-facing role, they would be sacked right away. But for a backend employee, the legal team would first assess the risks of retaining them, including whether the matter could lead to a police case.

Another HR professional said they



Himanshu Jangra (left) made the controversial dating remark at comedian Pranit More's show.

would encourage the employee to part ways mutually. "What if the person falls into depression, or harms themselves or others at home after being fired under such circumstances?" she said.

The other three said they would first conduct an internal inquiry, hear the employee's side of the story, and speak to colleagues to assess whether they would be comfortable continuing to work with the person. They cautioned against being swept up by social media outrage, which "is forgotten as soon as another controversy surfaces". However, they said their response would vary depending on the context, whether the controversy was tied to a one-off political opinion or entrenched sexist beliefs.

One company said it regularly reminds male employees about appropriate behaviour towards female colleagues. Another said it introduced social media guidelines three months ago, advising employees to avoid posts that could hurt religious sentiments, among other things. Its HR head is now considering adding guidelines for offline conduct too. "Gone are the days when personal and professional identities were separate. Today, you carry your company's brand everywhere," she said.

What counts as a workplace?

Netizens have dissected the controversy through multiple lenses: gender, private expression versus workplace

accountability and company's reputational risk, and the broader scope of the POSH (Prevention of Sexual Harassment) Act.

Ekta Jaiswal, a senior POSH consultant, said cases involving private conduct that conflicts with workplace values require a "nuanced" approach.

"If an employee makes inappropriate jokes in a public space in the presence of colleagues, and it later creates a hostile environment at work or leads to a complaint by a colleague, the employer has the jurisdiction to take action," she said.

Such action can be initiated under the POSH Act, which protects women at workplace, or under the company's gender-neutral code of conduct.

"What constitutes a workplace and the employer-employee relationship itself (under the Act), has to be interpreted on a case-by-case basis," she said.

Procedure versus virality

Advocate K M Sai Apabharana said that while employers are justified in being concerned about conduct that reflects disregard for women's bodily autonomy, terminating an employee without due process is illegal and risks allowing "virality to replace procedure".

Such an employee, she said, can challenge the termination in court. The grounds would depend on the employment contract and applicable labour laws, including the Industrial Disputes

Act, and the Shops and Establishments Act. "Where the alleged misconduct fulfils the criteria under the contract or applicable law, disciplinary proceedings, a right to be heard, and a finding of guilt are required before termination," she explained.

Larger role of companies

Critics of Himanshu's firing suggested suspension or gender-sensitisation counselling as more constructive alternatives. At the same time, some women told *Metrolife* that in a country where justice is often delayed or denied, the action felt like a small win.

To Chandni Bhambhani, assistant professor of sociology, the incident underscores the role workplaces can play in helping employees unlearn problematic social conditioning.

Workplaces, she said, were once governed by traditional systems, such as farming economies that operated within families. But as workplaces have become more formal and inclusive of women and other marginalised communities, they have emerged as larger public spaces that must ensure equity. "Their formal codes of conduct draw from universal human rights," she emphasises.

She said the incident calls for renewed scrutiny of gender-sensitisation programmes in workplaces. She asks: Are they being implemented consistently? Are they effective, or do they need to be reviewed?

EVENTS

Film on women's movements

'Voh Subah Hami Se Aayegi', a documentary tracing the women's movement in India over 40 years, will be screened on June 19, 6.30 pm, at Bangalore International Centre, Domlur. The film's director, Uma Chakravarti, will be in conversation with researcher and filmmaker Madhu Bhushan. RSVP at bangaloreinternationalcentre.org

Art of lutherie

Vinoo Mathew will speak about the art of handcrafting stringed instruments, known as lutherie, at an event titled 'Handmade Guitars' on June 19, 6 pm, at Atta Galatta, Indiranagar. To RSVP, visit @attagalatta on Instagram.

Sketching emotions

Bhavana will lead a workshop on drawing five to six human expressions inspired by

characters from the book 'The Treasure Seekers: An Otherworldly Quest' on June 20, 11 am, at Champaca Bookstore, Indiranagar. It is open to children aged eight and above. To RSVP, visit champaca.in

Sufi music

Sufi music will be the focus of 'Sukoon Wali Qawwali' concert on June 21, 8 pm, at DND The Venue, Sarjapur Road. Tickets on in.bookmyshow.com



Team Spot Director with Dr Maulik Shah (centre), who directed 'Litter-ally Not Cool'.

Now, anybody can be a director

A Bengaluru group is giving people a prompt, a crew and one task: direct a 30-second film

SUBHASHINI RAMASAMY
TEAM METROLIFE

On a Sunday evening, you're grabbing coffee on MG Road when a group of people approach you with a bizarre question: "Would you like to direct a short film?" They have the equipment, technicians and actors. All they need is for you to direct a 30-second vertical film, based on a prompt or prop they give you. This is how Spot Director works.

"It began as a passion project with four actors. Now, we have 50 cast and crew members," says Aman Khatri, founder of Spot Director. Aman, who is a product designer and theatre artiste, found other people within his theatre group to join him in this pursuit. "We were all looking for acting projects. We realised that by getting strangers to direct, we could act," he says.

Started in December 2025, the initiative takes inspiration from a US-based

series. Aman initially self-funded the initiative. Now brand collaborations help fund their setup. Except for these collaborations, other videos remain non-monetised.

Every weekend, members scout localities across Bengaluru, hunting for their next director. Those who agree are given a prompt or prop, and the team helps shape the story bringing the director's vision to life. The shoot can take over an hour, followed by a day or two of editing. "Most people hesitate. But when they agree, we get to witness so much creativity," Aman shares.

Orthopaedic surgeon Dr Maulik Shah was one such participant. With a megaphone in one hand, he donned the director's hat effortlessly. Given the prompt 'littering', he directed a film cheekily titled 'Litter-ally Not Cool'. "I enjoyed the process. I would love to work with them again," says Dr Maulik.

The films are uploaded on their Instagram and YouTube channel (both @spotdirector). The group has made over 40 films, with its most popular video garnering 2 million views on YouTube. "We hope to take this format to other cities and eventually direct feature films," says Aman.

Water births gain traction among Bengaluru parents

Growing awareness about a less medicalised birth experience is driving interest

TINI SARA ANIEN
TEAM METROLIFE

As more Bengaluru parents seek less medicalised childbirth experiences, water births are gaining traction in the city. Hospitals and birthing facilities have been observing a growing interest in the option, which offers pain relief without medication.

However, doctors caution that it is suitable only for selected low-risk pregnancies.

Growing trend

Awareness of water births has increased significantly over the past five years, says Dr Anupama Rohidekar, senior obstetrician and gynaecologist at a J C Road-based midwifery centre. The centre conducts around 30 deliveries a month. Here, water births accounted for under 10% in 2023 and 15-20% in 2024 and 2025.

A private hospital chain that introduced water births around 18 months ago has also seen rising uptake.

"We have recorded 85 water-birth deliveries so far," says Dr Sireesha Reddy, obstetrician and gynaecologist at the hospital. "When we started, we would see about two to three cases a month. It has grown to eight to 10 water births every month now."



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Why?

Experts attribute the popularity of water births to their ability to provide pain relief without medication. "Water is an extremely powerful medium for pain relief during labour," says Dr Sireesha. Dr Anupama describes water birth as a non-pharmacological pain-relief method that helps women relax, making labour "calmer, less painful and often easier". The preference is particularly noticeable among women who conceived through IVF and assisted reproductive technologies. Many of these women, Dr Sireesha adds, feel their "journey to pregnancy involved extensive medical intervention and want a calmer, more natural birthing experience".

Who opts for it?

Doctors say water births are most popular among well-informed parents who actively research childbirth options online. At the women and child speciality hospital chain where Dr Sireesha practises, women opting for water births are between ages 25 and

42 years. However, doctors say "age itself is not a deciding factor".

Not for all

Water birth is generally restricted to low-risk pregnancies and is not suitable for women with previous caesarean deliveries, twin pregnancies, premature labour, prolonged rupture of membranes, fever or other high-risk conditions, clarifies Dr Anupama.

Patient selection is critical, adds Dr Vibha V Bhat, obstetrician, gynaecologist and fertility specialist at a multi-speciality hospital and IVF centre. "Ideal candidates are women with uncomplicated pregnancies and who fall within a healthy weight range."

Not all doctors agree that rising awareness has translated into widespread adoption. Dr Kavitha Kovi, head of department (obstetrics and gynaecology) at a Whitefield-based maternity hospital, says that while enquiries have increased, relatively few women opt for water births. "Some women may be uncomfortable remaining in a birthing tub during labour," she explains.

Risks, limitations

Dr Anupama insists water births require specially trained personnel and careful monitoring of both mother and baby throughout labour.

Concerns include challenges in monitoring fetal distress and difficulties in managing excessive bleeding, points out Dr Vibha, adding that "some studies have linked water births to higher rates of certain infections, including Pseudomonas infections".

Coexistence and conflict through art

ANAGHA RAO
TEAM METROLIFE

Fifteen-year-old Sai Akhil Anand, son of chess Grandmaster Viswanathan Anand, has his paintings, sketches and mixed-media artworks on display in Bengaluru. Supported by the Sandeep and Gitanjali Maini Foundation, 'Bindu & Rekha' depicts works from series like 'Suburban Stripes,' 'Unbinary,' 'Cuddle Me,' and more.

The exhibition, which is Akhil's first in Bengaluru, raises awareness about environmental conservation and also includes his works on Hindu epics. "He was always creative and dabbled in artworks from an early age. He began to pursue it more seriously during the pandemic," shares his mother, Aruna Anand.



Akhil Anand with his artwork, 'Vitruvian Vinayaka'.

His father is particularly proud of 'Suburban Stripes'. "He went on a photo-walk through Chennai and then created his own art on top of the pictures," says Viswanathan. Akhil loves to work with gouache and watercolour, and also uses clay embossing. His work is inspired by Piet Mondrian, Mark Rothko, Leonardo da Vinci, David Attenborough's documentaries and his observations of the animal kingdom. While he does play some chess, his talent and interest in art have been nurtured by his parents, and he seems to have inherited his father's focus and artistic bent of mind from his mother, a trained classical dancer. "The composition comes from my mind. I have a timetable to balance my studies and my passion. I started at the age of nine and am still learning," says Akhil.

'Bindu & Rekha', till 30 June, 10 am to 6 pm, at 38, Maini Sadan, 7th cross, Lavelle Road. It is closed on Mondays.

A rooftop space for women-first gatherings

It hosts meetups centred on board games, poetry, food or workshops every week

AMANDA V JAMES
TEAM METROLIFE

Bengaluru's latest community and events space is a terrace venue that primarily caters to women. It's called Terrace Soirée.

Since March, corporate consultant and lifestyle content creator Saloni Sabu has been hosting intimate weekend gatherings for up to 15 people at her penthouse in Indiranagar. Due to the recent rains, events have temporarily moved indoors to a community space in HSR Layout.

The space is open to people of all age groups. However, as a women-first



A bouquet-making workshop organised by Terrace Soirée.

community, men can attend only if they are accompanying a woman or a non-binary guest.

So far, Saloni has curated and hosted more than 20 events, including jam sessions, karaoke nights, board game evenings, and screenings of films and sporting events. "Board game nights and murder mystery events have seen

the highest demand," she says. One murder mystery event received more than 500 RSVPs, despite the venue's capacity being limited to just 15 people.

Other gatherings have included bouquet-making workshops, supper clubs, and poetry meetups. "Ahead of a bouquet-making session, a few participants even joined me on a trip to

KR Market at 4.30 am to buy flowers," Saloni recalls. For supper clubs, she collaborates closely with home chefs, sampling dishes and helping curate the menu. A Nigerian-themed supper club is currently in the works.

One of her favourite memories is a poetry evening held on Rabindranath Tagore's birthday. An attendee brought her 80-year-old grandmother, who recited Tagore's poems from memory, leaving the audience in awe.

Around 3,500 people are part of the community's WhatsApp group. Every Monday, Saloni conducts polls to gauge interest in upcoming events and shares ticket links on Tuesdays. With only 15 seats available, registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. She is also developing a loyalty programme for regular attendees.

To join the WhatsApp community, find the link on @the_terrace_soiree on Instagram.

Better quality of life for B’luru residents top priority: KBG

Directs officials to focus on faster grievance redressal

BENGALURU, DHNS

Improving the quality of life of Bengaluru’s nearly 1.4 crore residents is the government’s foremost priority, and officials have been directed to work efficiently towards achieving this goal, Greater Bengaluru Development Minister Krishna Byre Gowda said on Tuesday.

Addressing the media after the first review meeting involving the five city corporations under the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), B-SMILE and Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML), the minister said that despite being one of India’s most vibrant cities, Bengaluru continues to face several urban challenges.

“Bengaluru offers opportunities for employment, education and a better quality of life. It is an asset not only to Karnataka, but also to India, attracting people and organisations from across the world. Therefore, improving governance and administration under the Greater Bengaluru Authority is our key focus,” he said.

Gowda said the erstwhile Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) had been reorganised into the Greater Bengaluru Authority to enable faster and more effective resolution of civic issues, including road maintenance, street lighting, traffic congestion, sanitation, beautification and urban flooding.

To address Bengaluru’s



Greater Bengaluru Development Minister Krishna Byre Gowda reviews the functioning of the five city corporations under the Greater Bengaluru Authority, along with B-SMILE and Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited officials, at a meeting in Bengaluru on Tuesday. DH PHOTO/PUSHKAR V

chronic traffic woes, the government has planned major infrastructure projects, including tunnel roads and elevated corridors, he said.

The minister also highlighted the introduction of an advanced e-khata system to resolve long-pending property record issues, describing it as the first initiative of its kind in the country.

The minister said comprehensive plans are being prepared for Bengaluru’s long-term development while ensuring that citizens’ day-to-day concerns receive equal attention.

“Officials have been instructed to respond swiftly to public grievances. Many issues can be resolved by improving the efficiency of

the existing administrative system and strengthening service delivery,” he said.

360-degree approach

Emphasising the need for holistic development, Gowda said quality of life depends not only on physical infrastructure but also on social, cultural, artistic and sporting activities.

“We aim to improve Bengaluru’s quality of life through a 360-degree approach,” he said.

The meeting was attended by Urban Development Department Additional Chief Secretary Tushar Girinath, GBA Chief Commissioner M Maheshwar Rao, Special Commissioners Munish Moudgil, Sushama Godbole, K Harish Kumar and Venkata Chalapathi, Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited CEO Karee Gowda, along with city corporation commissioners, joint commissioners, chief engineers and other senior officials.

Town Planning College in Kempegowda's name on cards

BENGALURU, DHNS: Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Tuesday announced that this year’s Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Jayanti will be celebrated at the newly developed Kempegowda Layout on June 27.

Addressing reporters after a preparatory meeting at the Vidhana Soudha, Shivakumar said the event would begin at 11.30 am and would mark the launch of an ambitious drive to plant 15 lakh saplings across Bengaluru.

A newly constructed road in the layout will also be inaugurated on the occasion.

As part of the celebrations, separate processions will converge at the venue from the four Kempegowda towers located across Bengaluru.

Ministers Ramalinga Reddy, Krishna Byre Gowda, K J George and Byrathi Suresh have been entrusted with overseeing the teams representing each tower.

The chief minister said the government has decided to establish a Town Planning College in Kempegowda’s name on the campus of the Visvesvaraya Technological University, and that

preparations in this regard are in progress.

Announcing financial assistance for the celebrations, Shivakumar said the Jayanti would be observed in all 224 Assembly constituencies across Karnataka, with a grant of Rs one lakh being released to each constituency.

In Bengaluru, an additional grant of Rs one lakh each will be provided through the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) for celebrations in all 369 wards. The dates for the ward-level programmes will be finalised by the minister in charge of Bengaluru City.

“This programme is not limited to any one caste or religion. Kempegowda is an asset of Bengaluru and the entire state. People from all religions, castes and organisations will come together to celebrate the Jayanti,” he said.

The chief minister also said the Kempegowda Theme Park near the airport has been

completed and preparations are underway to open it to the public.

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Tender Value: ₹ 3,95,020.80. **Cost of Tender Document:** ₹ 0. **Earnest Money:** ₹ 7,900. **Completion period:** 12 months. **Date of closing:** 19.06.2026 at 12.00 hrs. Details of tender notice and corrigendum issued from time to time are available at website www.irfps.gov.in.
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After Mysuru fire tragedy, city pubs say safety top priority

Internal audits, sensor networks and staff drill in place

MANJUNATH SHETTAR
BENGALURU, DHNS

The Mysuru rooftop resto pub fire that killed two on Monday has put fire safety at pubs and restaurants across Karnataka back under scrutiny, particularly in Bengaluru where rooftop dining and nightlife venues have grown rapidly.

Fire and Emergency Services Department officials said fire safety clearances are mandatory only for buildings above 21 metres. Those below that height receive safety rec-

‘Rules are clear’

Ananth Narayan, Chapter Head, National Restaurant Association of India (NRAI), Bengaluru, said: “The rules are clear, and we have advised all our members to follow them strictly.”



ommendations and advisories.

Officials clarified that the department does not decide whether rooftop pubs and cafes should be permitted, but expressed concern over the use of LPG cylinders and other combustible materials on rooftops.

Even as the department examines the Mysuru incident, pub operators in Bengaluru say they have strengthened safety measures through technology, regular audits, and staff training.

Many pubs have installed au-

tomatic fire detection systems, smoke and heat sensors, extinguishers, hydrant networks, sprinkler systems, and emergency response mechanisms.

“We never wait for the fire department or any government agency to conduct audits. The safety of customers and employees is our top priority. We are always a step ahead in

reviews. Employees are trained to identify types of fires, operate extinguishers and follow evacuation protocols.

“Besides internal audits, agencies that install firefighting equipment carry out regular inspections. Safety drills are conducted periodically to ensure staff are prepared,” the manager said.

Industry representatives said most organised pubs now rely on a combination of technology, preventive maintenance and regular drills.

Fire hydrant pipelines, basement water pumps, emergency exits and alarm systems are part of the safety infrastructure in many commercial establishments.

The renewed focus comes nearly a decade after the deadly Koramangala pub fire, in which staff were forced to jump from the fourth floor to escape the flames.

Seven specialised drones to join fire fleet

The Fire and Emergency Services Department has submitted a proposal to the government seeking seven specialised drones for firefighting operations in high-rise buildings.

The tender process is underway, and officials expect the drones to be inducted within a couple of months.

Once deployed, they will enhance firefighting capabilities and strengthen advanced emergency response, a senior official told DH.

Forest dept bars visitors from feeding, bathing captive elephants

Veterinary officer to assess health of camp jumbos every fortnight

CHIRANJEEVI KULKARNI
BENGALURU, DHNS

A month after a tourist died in Dubare elephant camp, the Forest Department has come up with a new standard operating procedure (SOP) with 10 non-negotiable safety rules, starting with a ban on visitors touching or feeding elephants.

On May 18 a woman tour-

ist was killed when she was accidentally trampled by an elephant during a bathing session at Dubare in Kodagu district. The state government promoted the bathing session as a commercial activity where visitors can scrub an elephant and groom it with oil from close proximity.

The SOP dated June 11, 2026, signed by chief wildlife warden Kumar Pushkar said the rule applies to all elephant camps, elephant holding centres, temporary camps and other areas where tourists, students, officials or any other visitors are allowed to view captive elephants.

Apart from a ban on contact, the SOP directs a minimum 10-metre distance, limiting the

number of elephants on display to 10, distance between elephants, CCTV monitoring of all critical areas among others. Officials have been told to create awareness among the visitors about the new rules, including zonation of the area.

A camp’s visiting area will have three zones where tourists will stay in the Green, staffers and elephants stay in the amber and red zone, respectively.

Shared responsibility

The SOP distributes responsibilities across the board starting from the tour guide to mahout to the veterinary forest officers in the camp as well as the chief wildlife warden, who will take up a state-wide review

of the situation every year or after any serious incident.

It is now mandatory for a veterinary officer to assess the health/musth/stress of the elephants in the camp minimum fortnightly or as required. Mahouts, kavadis and RFOs have to assess the situation on a daily basis while tour guides will assess the situation every session. The steps would be reviewed by the assistant conservator of forests fortnightly, by the deputy conservator of forests monthly and chief conservator of forests quarterly.

Activity-wise safety protocols, general safety briefing for visitors and an emergency response are also part of the SOP

Prohibited activities

- Touching, hugging, standing beside elephants
- Feeding by hand or any possible contact with elephant trunk
- Bathing elephants
- Taking selfies, close photographs, drone photography or use of flash
- Crossing barricades, ropes, painted lines
- Shouting, clapping, teasing or throwing objects
- Bringing outside food, alcohol, pets or any item that may disturb elephants.

Caste survey report not disclosed to anyone, BC panel tells HC

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes informed the high court on Tuesday that its report on social and educational surveys — popularly known as the caste census report — has not been disclosed to anyone.

The commission made the submission during the hearing of petitions challenging the caste-based survey conducted to assess socio-economic conditions.

A Division Bench headed by Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru is hearing petitions filed by the Rajya Vokkaliga Sangha, members of the Akhila Bharata Veerashaiwa Lingayata Mahasabha, and others challenging the survey.

The petitioners alleged that although the commission had recently submitted its report, details of its contents had already appeared in the media. Their counsel referred to the high court’s interim order of September 2025 directing the commission that data collected during the survey should not be disclosed to any person, including the government, and must be kept fully protected and confidential.

In response, the commission’s counsel told the court that the contents of the report had not been revealed to anyone and that its interim order had not been violated. Recording this submission, the bench adjourned the hearing.

In its interim order dated September 25, 2025, the division bench had also directed the commission to issue a public notice clarifying that participation in the survey is voluntary and that no person is obligated to disclose their information sought.

‘Hire guest teachers before beginning of academic year’

BENGALURU DHNS: The Recognised Unaided Private Schools Association (RUPSA) has expressed fear of losing experienced teachers as guest faculty hired by the government.

In a statement, RUPSA urged the state government to hire guest teachers before the commencement of the academic year.

The association said that the government has started the process to appoint guest teachers now. “Private schools have already started the classes, but now as the government started the recruitment process for guest teachers and as a result many of our teachers are on the verge of leaving job at private schools,” said the association.

It further stated that this has become a problem every year, affecting the quality at private schools as most of them are experienced teachers, it added.

DKS promises all support for upcoming RGUHS campus in Ramanagara

BENGALURU, DHNS:

Chief Minister D K Shivakumar on Tuesday appealed to medical graduates from the state to help in preventing the rural population from migrating to cities for their healthcare needs.

He was delivering the convocation address at the 28th annual convocation of Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS) here.

“The rural people are migrating to cities for several reasons and healthcare is one of them. I request all medical



Gold medallists celebrate by throwing their caps up in the air at the 28th convocation of the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences in Bengaluru on Tuesday. DH PHOTO/M S MANJUNATH

graduates to stop people in villages from migrating, by providing healthcare services to them nearer home,” he said.

Shivakumar said medicine was no easy profession and that graduates faced challenges every day.

“We consider doctors as visible gods and you face

challenges in the profession. People come to you with hope and trust and it is the responsibility of every medical practitioner to retain that trust and humanitarian consideration,” he said.

Responding to the request by vice chancellor of RGUHS Dr Bhagavan B C in his introductory address, seeking

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Originated from	Survey No. : 134/1 Extent of land acquired: 5,336.74 Sq. Mtrs.
	Village : Bidarahalli
	Hobli : Bidarahalli
	Taluk : Bengaluru East Taluk
TDR	10,673.49 square meters
Issuing authority	The Commissioner, Bangalore Development Authority

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Originated from	Survey No. : 18/2 Extent of land acquired : 1 acre 19 guntas
	Village : Hiranahalli
	Hobli : Bidarahalli
	Taluk : Bengaluru East Taluk
TDR	5,614.96 square meters
Issuing authority	The Commissioner, Bangalore Development Authority

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Originated from	Survey No. : 18/2 Extent of land acquired : 1 acre 19 guntas
	Village : Hiranahalli
	Hobli : Bidarahalli
	Taluk : Bengaluru East Taluk
TDR	6,323.12 square meters
Issuing authority	The Commissioner, Bangalore Development Authority

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Bidadi Township: Farmers threaten 'Vidhana Soudha Chalo'

BENGALURU, DHNS: Ramping up its opposition against the state government's urban expansion policies, the Samyukta Horata Karnataka (SHK) and Byramangala Mattu Kanchugaranahalli Raithara Bhu Horata Hitharakshana Sangha have threatened a massive, state-wide agitation and a 'Vidhana Soudha Chalo' march if the proposed Bidadi Township project is not scrapped immediately.

At a meeting held in Bidadi, farmer leaders, including T Yashavantha, said, "The core committee resolved to issue a strict deadline to the chief minister after submitting a comprehensive dossier detailing 80% to 89% of the local landowners, who are strictly refusing to part with their properties.

They indicated that if the state fails to withdraw the preliminary notifications within the stipulated deadline, thousands of farmers from across Karnataka will march to Bengaluru to lay siege to the state secretariat.

The coalition slammed the recent move to float a Rs 26-crore consultancy tender to prepare the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the township.

Leaders termed the expenditure an 'illegal and premature exercise' given that the land acquisition process itself remains incomplete and fiercely contested by local communities.

The farm leaders warned that if the government uses administrative machinery to bulldoze public dissent, the agitation will escalate into an indefinite national-level protest, drawing inspiration from the Devanahalli-Channarayana farmers' struggle.

Priyank angling to become CM: Ashoka

BENGALURU, DHNS: Leader of the Opposition R Ashoka claimed on Tuesday that Home Minister Priyank Kharge is going after RSS to position himself as the next chief ministerial candidate.

"This political strategy by Priyank Kharge appears aimed at quietly challenging CM D K Shivakumar. He is dreaming of becoming the Congress' CM candidate in the 2028 Assembly elections," Ashoka said.

CLP meeting trains MLAs on voting in Council polls

Goal is to ensure victory of 5th candidate, says DKS

BENGALURU, DHNS:

With the June 18 Legislative Council elections shaping up as a prestige battle between Chief Minister D K Shivakumar and Union Minister H D Kumaraswamy, the Congress Legislature Party (CLP) on Tuesday held a strategy meeting at a resort to train its legislators and fine-tune its plan to secure all five seats it is contesting.

The meeting, the first since Shivakumar's election as CLP leader, focused on familiarising MLAs with the voting process under the system of proportional representation through the single transferable vote (STV), amid concerns over cross-voting and horse-trading as the election is conducted through a secret ballot.

Sample ballot papers were

brought to train legislators, particularly the first-time MLAs, on the process of casting first and second preferential votes, to avoid invalid votes.

Eight candidates have filed nominations for the seven vacancies. While Congress is fielding B K Hariprasad, Thippannappa Kamaknoor, P V Mohan, B S Shivanna (Shivanna Malavalli) and Vinay Karthik, the BJP has nominated Lingaraj Patil and R Raghu (Raghu Kautilya), and Janata Dal has fielded Govindaraju.

Congress, with 134 MLAs in the 224-member Assembly, can comfortably elect four candidates with 112 votes and still retain a surplus of 22 votes. The challenge lies in securing the election of the fifth candidate, Vinay Karthik, a Shivakumar aide, whose candidature has turned the contest for the sev-



Chief Minister D K Shivakumar greets his predecessor Siddaramaiah at the Congress Legislature Party meeting in Bengaluru on Tuesday.

enth and final Council seat into a high-stakes battle.

While the party is short of votes to ensure Karthik's victory on first-preference votes alone, leaders are banking on the transfer of second-preference votes under the STV system to give him an edge over JD(S) candidate. While three independents are aligned with the Congress, and two unattached members S T Somashekar and Shivaram Hebbar (both expelled from BJP) are likely to support Congress, the JD(S) is banking on BJP's surplus votes and expelled BJP leader

Basanagouda Yatnal's vote, besides hoping to woo Congress MLAs.

Chief Minister D K Shivakumar stated that there was no need to worry and advised against cross-voting. "Our goal is to ensure our fifth candidate also wins the seat," he asserted.

Apart from the Council elections, the CLP meeting also discussed preparations for KPCC president B K Hariprasad's assumption of office on June 21 and the party's strategy on the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls.

"Form block level teams and

CM warns of inducements

At the meeting, CMD K Shivakumar revealed that some Congress MLAs had received inducement calls from other parties. Apparently, Molakalmur MLAN Y Gopalakrishna received a call from the JD(S). Shivakumar cautioned MLAs and said their movements were being watched. He urged MLAs not to fall prey to offers and to remain loyal to the party.

ensure that no voter is left out of the electoral roll. Congress is being targeted on the pretext of SIR. The Centre will target Karnataka in the next elections. So, focus on the SIR now. Create awareness among the people," cautioned the senior leaders.

The legislators and ministers will stay put at the resort and will be directly heading to Vidhana Soudha on June 18 to cast the vote.

Seat matrix not final; to delay CET counselling further

CM has to approve it once it is prepared

BENGALURU, DHNS

It looks like the counselling for professional courses in the state will not begin any time soon.

Though Chief Minister D K Shivakumar has cleared the files pertaining to No Objection Certificates (NOCs) for engineering colleges to admit students for the current year, the seat matrix is yet to be finalised.

According to information from the higher education department, the final seat matrix is to be prepared only after the NOC is issued by the government.

"The NOC files were pending before the higher education minister earlier and as the Cabinet got dissolved, the entire process got delayed.

As per procedure, there should be an NOC from the government to ap-

prove the seat matrix. Now that the chief minister has cleared the NOC files, we will have to prepare seat matrix and again send it back to the CM for approval," said an official from the department.

"As the CM is busy with elections to the Legislative Council, we have to wait for his availability till June 19 to get approval for the seat matrix," the official said.

As per the earlier announcement, KEA had to commence seat allotment on June 6. It was later postponed to June 13.

Now, KEA has decided to announce the new schedule only after receiving the final seat matrix. "Not just engineering, seat matrix has not been received even for agriculture and veterinary courses. We have got the matrix only for B Pharm and Pharma D courses," said a KEA official.

The seat matrix for agriculture and veterinary courses too need to be approved by the chief minister as those portfolios are with him.

Township was your 'brainchild', Cong reminds HDK

'Campaign against the project aimed at tarnishing CM's image'

BENGALURU, DHNS

Seeking to turn the tables on senior JD(S) leader and Union Minister H D Kumaraswamy, who has been vociferously opposing the Bidadi township project, the ruling Congress on Tuesday sought to remind him that he had conceived the project in 2006, when he was heading the BJP-JD(S) coalition government.

The campaign against the Bidadi township project is aimed at tarnishing Chief Minister D K Shivakumar's

image, said the Congress. Addressing a press conference at the KPCC office in Bengaluru, Congress spokesman M Lakshman, who dubbed the township project Kumaraswamy's 'brainchild', said, "The then Kumaraswamy government had, on September 23, 2006 approved five townships across 60,700 acres in Nandagudi, Kasaba, Bidadi, Solur and Sathanur, including a 9,484-acre township in Bidadi."

Not only had Kumaraswamy notified the land, the then government had also accepted Rs 400 crore from the real-estate firm DLF, which had withdrawn from the project, after waiting for two years for the land to be handed over, said Lakshman. "Before demitting office, Kumaraswamy declared the area a 'red zone', effectively stalling development in the area. Later B S Yediyurappa

modified the proposal, while the D V Sadananada Gowda government acquired 912 acres of land with farmers being paid Rs 60 to 80 lakh per acre. The land was subsequently allotted to industries. Why did Kumaraswamy not oppose it then," asked Lakshman.

Defending the fresh notification issued on May 27 for 7,481 acres, Lakshman said it was the seventh preliminary notification for the project and dismissed Kumaraswamy's allegation of a 33,000-crore scam as "baseless".

"The government's role is limited to acquiring land and facilitating development of an industrial and residential corridor. Let Kumaraswamy and opposition leader R Ashoka explain how the government, Shivakumar or any middleman can make money from the project," he said.

At \$173 bn, K'taka again tops software, services exports

BENGALURU, DHNS

Karnataka has retained its top position among Indian states in software and services exports valued at about \$173 billion, Chief Minister D K Shivakumar said on Tuesday.

Karnataka is ranked fourth in merchandise exports at \$34 billion.

The state has recorded a growth of 9.3% in software, services and merchandise exports for the 2025-26 financial year, according to data from the Reserve Bank of India and the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics.

Shivakumar said exports from Karnataka reached nearly Rs 19.7 lakh crore in 2025-26.

"Our state has retained its position as India's leading software and services exporter while ranking among the country's top merchandise exporting states. From tech-



nology, biotechnology and electronics to manufacturing, aerospace, research and innovation, Karnataka's strength lies in its dynamic economy, world class talent and spirit of enterprise," Shivakumar said in a tweet.

"Bengaluru continues to drive this momentum, while every region of the state contributes to Karnataka's expanding global footprint," Shivakumar added.

In the 2025-26 fiscal, Karnataka cornered 41% of India's software and services exports. This is far ahead of Maharashtra (16%), Tamil Nadu (12.5%), Uttar Pradesh

(5%), Andhra Pradesh (1%) and Gujarat (0.9%).

Among commodities, iron ore and mineral exports saw the highest rise of 61%, followed by chemicals & allied products (56%), engineering (28.9%), leather products (28.5%) and spices (24.5%).

"As Karnataka's products, services and ideas reach markets across the world, our government remains committed to creating more opportunities for investment, industry, entrepreneurship and employment, further strengthening Karnataka's position as a leading engine of India's economic growth," he said.

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AI, drones to spot potholes, defects on national highways

BENGALURU, DHNS: The National Highways Authority of India (NHA) said it was overhauling the maintenance of national highways by adopting a predictive asset management framework that uses artificial intelligence, drones and advanced analytics to identify potholes and other road defects before they become critical.

The shift from conventional maintenance practices is aimed at improving highway quality and ensuring timely interventions through data-driven monitoring.

The NHA has deployed Network Survey Vehicles (NSVs) to assess footpath conditions, including roughness, rutting cracking and structural distress. Drone Analytics Monitoring Systems (DAMS) are being used to create digital inventories of highway assets, monitor structures and detect encroachments, while Falling Weight Deflectometer

(FWD) tests evaluate pavement strength and identify weakening stretches.

The authority is also rolling out AI-powered Dashcam Analytics Services (DAS) across operational highways to automatically detect issues such as potholes, damaged crash barriers, faulty lighting and drainage problems.

Data collected through these technologies will be integrated into a centralised asset intelligence platform, providing a unified and continuously updated view of highway conditions, the NHA said.

By combining historical records with real-time monitoring, NHA hopes to predict deterioration, prioritise vulnerable stretches and undertake preventive maintenance. The agency said the initiative would enhance highway longevity, optimise maintenance costs and improve travel experience for road users.

SDA falls into Lokayukta net

HAVERI, DHNS: The Lokayukta police have arrested a second division assistant (SDA) in the office of the deputy registrar of cooperative societies for allegedly receiving a bribe of Rs 3,000 to sanction a group insurance bill for a government employee.

Akkamma Bidarer was arrested red-handed at the office located in the DC office complex on the outskirts of

the city, along with the cash. Mahadev Hanumanthappa Jekinakatti, who had retired as the first division assistant in the office, had made a request to make a bill for group insurance. Akkamma Bidarer had demanded Rs 3,000 to sanction the bill. Jekinakatti had complained to the Lokayukta police. Lokayukta DySP C Madhusudhan led the operation.

Hakki Pikki family stranded in East Africa seeks help

SHIVAMOGGA, DHNS: Three persons of a family, belonging to Hakki Pikki tribe from the district, stranded in Mozambique in East Africa to sellherbalmedicine,haveappealed to the Centre to help themgetbacktheirpassports given to an agent for visa renewal.

InavideosenttoKarnataka Hakki-PikkiBudakattuSanghatane President Puneeth Kumar R, Milan Kumar, his wifeKavyaandrelativeGambhir said they got a business visa 2 months ago to visit Mozambique.They said they gave passports and Rs 4 lakh to an agent there for visa renewal. But even after about one month, there has been no contact by the agent. He is 2,000 km away from Maputo, capital of the East African country. Unless they get visas and passports, they cannot go out of their houses and there is a possibility of police arresting them, they said in the video.

Kumar told DH, "I will talk to the government and Indian Embassy in Mozambique to resolve the problem."

With Trump by his side, PM stresses seafarers' safety

Modi, From Page 1

Rubio, however, justified the attack. The "violations of the US blockade" and the "illicit transport" of oil from Iran would "not be tolerated", he told Jaishankar.

Three commercial vessels –MT Marivex, MT Settebello and MT Jalveer – came under the US Navy's missile strikes near the Strait of Hormuz last week. They all had mariners from India.

The attack on the MT Settebello on June 10 led to the death of three mariners from India. "We welcome the progress made in peace efforts in West Asia. The conflict has caused significant loss of life and property in our friendly countries in the region," Modi told the G7 leaders on Tuesday. "Disruptions to maritime trade through the Strait of Hormuz have adversely affected the global economy. Several Indian civilians have also lost their lives."

"Today, the world does not suffer from a shortage of resources; it suffers from a shortage of trust. And the future of our partnerships depends on rebuilding this trust," Modi said, referring to former US President Ronald Reagan's statement: "Trust, but verify". "That principle remains relevant today. We owe it to future generations to build a trusted rules-based order suited to the needs of a new era."

HC orders release of online gaming firm's directors; terms ED arrest illegal

BENGALURU, DHNS: The high court has ordered the immediate release of three directors of online gaming company Gameskraft while declaring their recent arrests by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) as illegal.

The ED had arrested Vikas Taneja, Prithvi Raj Singh, and Deepak Sing for offences under the Prevention of Money Laundering (PML) Act. Justice M Nagaprasanna passed the order while allowing the petitions filed by the directors of the firm challenging their arrest. The detailed order copy is yet to be released.

The ED had arrested the three directors in May at Gurgaon over allegations of money laundering and defrauding users on platforms like RummyCulture. Before this, the ED had conducted raids on multiple locations in Delhi - NCR and Bengaluru city. These raids were based on the predicate FIRs registered against them in Telangana on allegations of luring players into real-money games and laundering approximately Rs 250 crore.

The directors of the company were produced before a court in Bengaluru, remanded in ED custody and subsequently in judicial custody.

As BJP questions, experts defend religion-neutrality of ST quota

Quota to be based on socio-edu backwardness: Justice Das

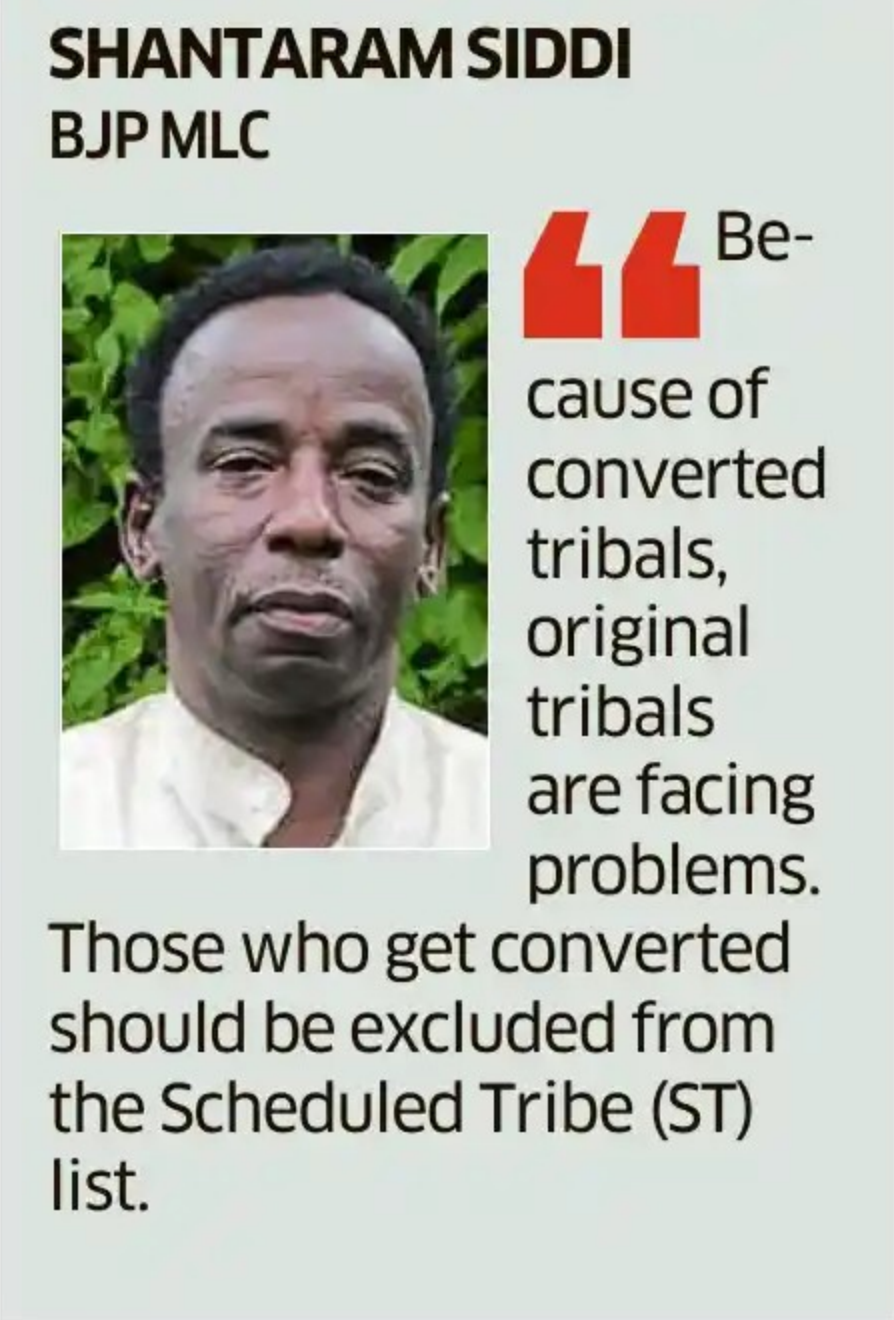
SUJJAY B M BENGALURU, DHNS

Months after the Supreme Court reiterated that Scheduled Caste (SC) persons who are not Hindus, Sikhs and Buddhists will lose their SC status, the BJP has questioned the constitutional position of the reservation for Scheduled Tribes (ST).

In a press meet on Tuesday, BJP MLC Shantaram Siddi said, "Because of converted tribals, original tribals are facing problems. Those who get converted should be excluded from the Scheduled Tribe (ST) list.

Of around 10-12 crore tribals in the country, around 1.5-2 crore have got converted. Converted tribals are taking the benefits for tribals as well as those for minorities."

'Converts should be removed' The MLC noted that the Janajati Suraksha Manch had met President Droupadi Murmu and urged her to ensure that converts to other religions should be removed from the ST list. As per the Constitution (Scheduled Caste) Order, 1950, SC reservation was only applicable to Hindus. Subsequently,



it was also extended to Sikhs in 1956 and Buddhists in 1990. The Justice K G Balakrishnan Commission was formed in 2022 to look into whether reservations can also be provided to SC converts to Islam, Christianity and so on. The Commission is said to have completed the report and is expected to

submit it to the union government shortly. Unlike SC reservation, the ST reservation is religion-neutral, as the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order, 1950, does not impose any caveat on conversion. Thus, ST converts to any religion are still eligible for reservation. While the Manch has claimed that the issue to exclude converts had got the support of 235 MPs in 1970 itself, experts contended that STs cannot be treated as a sub-category of any particular religious community.

Speaking to DH, Retired High Court Judge Nagamohan Das said: "Reservation should be delinked from religion. Denying reservation to SC converts to other religions is not correct. Their socio-educational conditions are still bad. Just by changing name, dress and custom, discrimination doesn't end. Many tribes don't identify with any religion.

The yardstick for reservation has to be socio-educational parameters, and not cosmetic changes."

Speaking to DH, Prof S Japhet, Founding Vice Chancellor of Bengaluru City University, said: "ST reservation is based on tribal status, not religion. Under the Indian Constitution, ST status is not tied to a particular religion. A tribal community may include people who follow Hinduism, Christianity, traditional indigenous faiths, Buddhism, or other religions. This is because the constitutional basis for ST recognition is the historical isolation, marginalisation, geographic disadvantage, and distinct socio-cultural identity of tribal communities—not religious discrimination."

As per the 2011 census, the STs constitute 6.95% of the state's population.

Hold off on closing 66 rowdy sheets, says home minister

Rowdy sheets, From Page 1

Among other things, KSCPA noted that there was no mention of compliance with the guidelines framed by the high court. "Similarly, the police have not provided any documents or records supporting the initiation of the rowdy-sheet. Due to the non-disclosure of relevant materials by both parties, it is not possible to assess the credibility or legality of opening the rowdy-sheet," the order said.

Notorious rowdies

Sunil is linked with at least over a dozen cases, including murder, kidnapping, extortion, dacoity, and theft. A controversy had erupted in 2022 when Sunil was seen sharing the stage with some BJP leaders, including MPs P C Mohan and Tejasvi Surya, in Bengaluru South district, then known as Ramanagara.

Sunil rose to power following the murder of Bekkinakannu Rajendra, who was hacked to death in November 2003. Sunil was one of the prime suspects in the murder.

Rohit, is one of Sunil's close associates and is said to be equally notorious. He has been linked with murders and supari killings or contract killings.

Govt floats Rs 26-crore tender for Bidadi plan

Bidadi, From Page 1

Of the total area, around 1,800 acres have been earmarked for residential layouts, while 5,681 acres will be developed as bulk land for multi-storied buildings. According to the feasibility report, nearly 44.5% of the total land area would constitute saleable space.

The project has also sparked a political slugfest. JD(S) leaders have described the township as a "government real estate project" designed to benefit land mafias and alleged that it was a scheme to "loot" public money.

The Congress, however, has turned the tables on the Opposition, asserting that the Bidadi township was conceived during the JD(S)-BJP coalition government headed by HD Kumaraswamy in 2006 and called it his "brain-child". CM DK Shivakumar has also insisted that 80% of the farmers are in favour of the project.

Township with loan

The overall project, including land acquisition, is estimated to cost Rs 18,133 crore. The government plans to finance the township entirely through borrowings and internal resource mobilisation.

The Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) is expected to provide Rs 9,011 crore as a loan, while the Bengaluru Development Authority (BDA) will contribute Rs 3,000 crore. Another Rs 3,500 crore is proposed to be raised by mortgaging civic amenity (CA) sites. As per the documents, the civil works component of the project is estimated at Rs 6,580 crore.

Officials estimate Rs 2,827 crore for the formation of residential layouts, amounting to approximately Rs 1.5 crore per acre, and another Rs 3,753 crore for the commercial component, translating to about Rs 66 lakh per acre.

By June-end, the authority plans to acquire about 7,481 acres of land.

Collision between bus and tipper leaves three dead

VIJAYAPURA, DHNS: Three people died, and more than 10 individuals sustained injuries following a collision between a bus and a tipper near Loni Cross in Chadchan taluk, Vijayapura district on Tuesday.

All the three victims – the driver of the tipper Ashok

Utagi (28), his 26-year-old wife Radhabai, and the bus driver Hanumanth Chalavadi (50) – died on the spot. The tyre of the Chadchan-bound tipper burst and the driver lost control of the vehicle, while the bus that was headed in the opposite direction crashed into the tipper resulting in the tragedy.

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Overview: Dry weather prevailed over Coastal Karnataka, South Interior Karnataka and North Interior Karnataka

Forecast June 05: Rainfall to occur at few places over the state.

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Stations	Max	Min	Rain	
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Davangere	31	20.8	00
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FIFA World Cup: Shadows on the pitch

Football is the beautiful game that knows no borders and brooks no divisions. It evokes the unity of races, languages, nationalities, and religions, and transcends politics and ideologies. The FIFA World Cup has long been a celebration of humanity, testing the limits of the body and the mind. The game's pace and lulls, hits and mishits, and highs and heartbreaks reflect human life. The tournament – jointly hosted by the United States, Canada, and Mexico – has brought to life galleries across time zones. It is the celebration of a truly universal game: there are Brazils in distant Kerala, and children play Pele, Maradona, and Messi on streets in the far corners of the world.

Times may, however, have changed. The colours in the many-hued ball, which blend to make a seamless globe, also threaten to stand out, pointing to a divided world. While there are more nations than ever before moving the ball now, there is also the irony of mental and national barriers preventing and restricting those movements. Omar Ar-tan, a FIFA-appointed referee from Somalia, was denied entry by the US Customs and Border Protection, despite travelling on a valid visa. The war in West Asia has travelled to the place where it originated, entangling the Iranian team in matters which the game has always subsumed. Shadows of diplomatic disputes and disagreements have fallen over many travel plans. Vozinha, Cape Verde's goalkeeper hero in its historic 0-0 draw with Spain, cried because his mother could not afford to go to the US to watch his greatest moment. There is more commerce in the World Cup than there ever was, with ticket prices having soared beyond the reach of many fans. Questions arise regarding the high prices when there are more tickets and more games to watch. The irony is that the world's most-watched game has just become less affordable for most people than ever before.

That is part of the bigger question: whether an increasingly divided, nationalistic, and conflict-ridden world is seeing its reflection in the brightest of cups of the most representative game. Football has been a bridge between peoples and nations, and has held the world together. The most competitive of games has also been the most reconciliatory. The rising anxieties and concerns of a shifting world may be affecting the course of the ball on its best grounds. But there is always the hope that the ball, and the times, will pass and the game will remain bonding and beautiful.

Global tensions, travel barriers, and high ticket prices test the beautiful game on its grandest stage

Monsoon deficit is a call for resilience

Karnataka's faltering southwest monsoon should ring alarm bells. With rainfall since June 1 running nearly 21% below normal and severe deficits reported in the coastal and Malnad regions, the exigency extends far beyond delayed showers. Reservoir levels are low, sowing operations have slowed, and temperatures in many parts resemble summer rather than the onset of the rainy season. If the situation persists, agriculture, drinking water supplies, and power generation will come under severe stress. The government has activated contingency plans, including prioritising reservoir water for drinking and preparing drought mitigation measures. However, decisive action is needed on the ground. Farmers require immediate guidance on crop substitution, better access to drought-resistant seeds, micro-irrigation systems, and timely credit support. Scientific water management, protection against hoarding of agricultural inputs, and strict regulation of irrigation releases must be implemented without delay. Equally important is safeguarding the electricity grid. With major reservoirs at a combined capacity of just 23%, the state must strictly conserve hydel generation for peak emergencies, bolster inter-state power purchases, and align irrigation pump usage with daytime solar power.

Contingency planning addresses only the symptoms. The state must prepare for a future where climate variability becomes the norm rather than the exception. Restoring tanks and lakes, promoting millets and pulses instead of water-intensive crops in stressed river basins, expanding wastewater recycling and rainwater harvesting, reducing urban water losses and protecting Western Ghats catchments should become central pillars of state policy. Climate resilience cannot remain an academic discussion when livelihoods depend on every monsoon. The crisis also demands greater public participation in conservation. Every litre saved today will ease pressure on reservoirs tomorrow. Cities must curb wasteful electricity consumption by restricting non-essential illumination, such as decorative neon signboards. In a year of uncertain rainfall, prudent use of both water and power becomes a civic responsibility.

The performance of the India Meteorological Department (IMD) also deserves scrutiny. While the department attributes recent inaccuracies to weak moisture flows and limited observation points over the Arabian Sea, these explanations offer little comfort, particularly to farmers whose agricultural operations depend on reliable predictions. If inadequate oceanic data is compromising forecasts, investment in additional deep-sea buoys, coastal Doppler radars, and improved data assimilation systems must become an urgent national priority. The monsoon remains India's most critical economic event. Karnataka's present rainfall deficit should serve as a warning that climate adaptation, scientific forecasting, and proactive governance must advance together if the state is to weather an increasingly uncertain future.

Poor rainfall in Karnataka demands a climate-resilient policy to safeguard agriculture and power grids

Geopolitical uncertainty is increasingly pushing governments to rethink reliance on foreign digital infrastructure

SHRUTI MITTAL

On June 3, the European Commission presented a package to reduce the bloc's reliance on non-EU suppliers for digital tools and infrastructure, which currently accounts for more than 80%. In April, France launched an inter-ministerial plan to reduce foreign reliance across its public technology stack, which will impact the daily work of 2.5 million civil servants. The French agency DINUM will begin replacing Windows with Linux on its workstations, while other ministries will formulate transition plans by August 2026. Separately, Zoom and Teams will be phased out in favour of a domestic app, Visio, by 2027.

In recent years, governments across the Netherlands, Germany, Canada, Japan, India, and South Korea have looked to shift public infrastructure towards domestic or open-source alternatives. The motivations vary by national context. EU countries are strongly guided by data protection concerns and the extra-territorial reach of laws in the United States, such as the CLOUD Act, which requires US companies to provide data to US law enforcement regardless of where it is stored. Japan is responding to high "digital deficits" driven by the licensing fees of foreign big-tech firms. India's recent upgrade to a home-grown e-mail provider was motivated by data security and 'Make in India' priorities.

Albeit at often smaller scales, governments have attempted migrations for three decades. Some have endured, some were reversed, and many remain under-documented. The reason this record matters is not to pre-judge current plans, but to ask what determines whether such projects meet their goals. These six questions are worth asking when designing sustainable migration plans.

One, does each component of the migration map onto the specific vulnerability it is meant to address? The CLOUD Act exposes EU government data to US law enforcement. The ICC incident demonstrated that foreign-controlled infrastructure can be withdrawn under geopolitical pressure without warning. Long-term platform dependency creates risks of abrupt end-of-support, price increases, or conditionality. These risks sit at different layers of the

tech stack. A data jurisdiction concern points towards cloud infrastructure and data storage. A sanctions-continuity concern points towards communications platforms. A platform dependency concern points towards operating systems and productivity software. The goal is reduced strategic exposure, not a count of migrated components. Without that mapping, individual components become harder to defend when political or budgetary pressure arrives. For instance, Munich's LiMux project was reversed in 2017 partly because its goal of "strategic independence" was never defined precisely enough, leaving it without a stable basis for its defence.

Two, is the scope defined tightly



enough to be achievable? In India, the Kerala government began transitioning its state school system to a local GNU/Linux distribution in 2004. With a bounded domain, captive user base, and centrally managed hardware, it deployed the system across more than two lakh machines and only later expanded into government departments, which led to an estimated saving of Rs 3,000 crore. It worked in part because the scope was defined before scaling. Whole-of-government migrations are harder because legacy users cannot be retired, and ministries often depend on deeply embedded tools.

Three, what is the plan for the people who will need to change how they work? Technology migrations are planned around platforms, but it is civil servants who experience them daily. The LiMux project, which moved about 14,800 desktops to Linux between 2006 and 2013, faced recurring complaints about compatibility and missing functionality. A commissioned review found that the main problems were organisational: the project had underplanned the behavioural change. Migrations would do well to invest in training and ensure replacement tools meet core user needs.

RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE

The metro and the missing bookshop

Thankfully, Mumbai's central library was still alive and well

C V SUKUMARAN

As I travelled by Mumbai's recently opened Aqua Line Metro, I recalled the travel hassles I had endured during my working years, which ended when I turned 65. Back then Mumbai was metro-less.

Office and factory goers counted on an inconsistent public transportation system, or picky auto-rickshaw drivers, to reach the nearest railway station to catch the local train, aptly called 'Mumbai's lifeline'. Bus queues used to be so long that one often wondered if their tail end touched the railway station!

It was in Singapore that I had my maiden metro ride 20 years ago. My wife, son and I were visiting the city-state, where my daughter and her family lived. Almost every day, we set out from home to the nearest MRT station.

My daughter knew her way around the country fairly well, and on weekends my son-in-law joined us. Whenever they all travelled by road to Little India, Orchard Road and other places for shopping, I boarded the metro, armed with an MRT map that guided my travels.

Cut back to Mumbai. Metro trains here are fast, neat and uncrowded. From a north-western suburb where I live, it took hardly 40 minutes to reach the southernmost end of the metropolis in cool comfort.

I disembarked at the Churchgate Metro station and made my way along Marine Drive, Nariman Point, Flora Fountain and, thence, to Ballard Pier – well-known landmarks of Mumbai. It was quite an evocative walk. The main purpose of my trip was to visit the iconic Strand Bookstall, which I had frequented during my working days, little knowing that it had long since shut down.

The rise of online booksellers and the pressure of high operating costs were cited as reasons for its closure. One of the city's finest bookshops, Strand was a bibliophile's haven.

Four, if the migration is towards open-source alternatives, who is building and maintaining them? Moving towards open-source limits the kill-switch scenario but does not eliminate dependency. Projects are maintained by developers and companies whose priorities may diverge from government needs. Linux, the platform at the centre of France's OS migration, is a case in point: its top corporate contributors to the kernel are predominantly US firms. The deeper question is whether a government contributes to the ecosystem it is migrating towards and helps shape its direction, rather than depending on it under different terms.

Five, will the plan survive beyond the political moment that created it? The UK Government Digital Service, founded in 2011, built gov.uk and open-standards platforms with early momentum. It was later defunded, and departments reclaimed procurement decisions, allowing major cloud providers to move into that space. Here, the technical approach was not necessarily wrong, but institutional protection was too weak.

How will we know if it worked?

The French Gendarmerie Nationale's migration of tens of thousands of desktops to Linux, launched in 2008, is frequently cited as a durable example. Wired reported in 2013 that the agency migrated 37,000 desktop PCs to a custom Linux OS and claimed approximately 40% lower total ownership costs. What is harder to find is systematic public reporting on those figures, or on the migration's ongoing maintenance costs. For a project held up as a model for what France is now attempting, that absence is a public accountability gap worth naming.

Structured public reporting on government technology migrations is rare, and costs typically surface when reversals occur. Munich's return to Windows in 2017 generated estimates of an exit cost of up to €100 million, a figure not publicly discussed during the migration. Defining success metrics at the outset – workstations migrated, training delivered, compatibility, and productivity maintained – is worth the effort.

France's migration, and the wider sovereignty-driven shift it reflects, may reshape how governments manage digital infrastructure. The historical record does not tell us whether such initiatives will succeed, but it does suggest which conditions are worth examining before decisions are made.

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Its owner had once remarked, with deep satisfaction, that the bookshop had been graced by visits from luminaries such as Jawaharlal Nehru, APJ Abdul Kalam, Vikram Sarabhai, Nobel laureate VS Naipaul, among others. Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, during his tenure as the governor of the Reserve Bank of India, was also a regular visitor. The central bank and the bookshop stood close to each other.

The image of the shuttered Strand Book Stall lingered in my mind and saddened me. However, I found solace in discovering that the central library at Horniman Circle, a stone's throw away, was still very much alive.

As I climbed the library steps, I recalled that Aldous Huxley, one of the great figures of English literature, had stood on those very steps a century earlier.

In his 1926 travelogue *Jesting Pilate: An Intellectual Holiday*, Huxley had high praise for the central library housed in the Town Hall at Horniman Circle.

These thoughts warmed the cockles of my heart as I made my way home that evening.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why should RSS remain outside a formal legal framework?

RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat's response to Karnataka Home Minister Priyank Kharge's questions about the RSS's legal status is unconvincing. Saying that 'Hindu dharma is not registered' misses the point. A religion is not the same as a large, organised body with nationwide activities, assets and fund-raising. Equally weak is the argument that the RSS need not register because "nobody has asked us to do so for 100 years". The absence of such a demand in the past cannot become a permanent

exemption from accountability. Public institutions and regulatory standards evolve over time. The issue is not whether the RSS is violating any existing law. It is whether an organisation of such scale, influence and financial reach should remain outside a formal framework of legal and financial accountability. An organisation that speaks so often of national duty should have no hesitation in accepting such transparency.

MG Hegde, Kumta

Decline of ethics

Apropos 'Probe into Ram Temple missing funds intensifies; 'crores' syphoned off' (Jun 16), besides being a grave financial irregularity, the swindling of huge sums of money – estimates suggest it could exceed Rs 200 crore – from *hundi* collections at the Ram Temple in Ayodhya is the starkest sign of our country's ethical and political decline. The incident at a place envisioned as the

zenith of our cultural and spiritual regeneration is yet another jolt to the nation's conscience after the recent NEET paper leak. If a scandal of this nature and magnitude could occur at the country's most secure temple, one can only imagine the scenario at hundreds of major temples across the country, where *hundi*s overflow with devotees' offerings. Though a government SIT has been formed to investigate the matter, it is doubtful that the true extent of the theft will

ever be known, given that Hundi collections are anonymous and undocumented and that the detected amount will ever be recovered from the fraudsters, particularly when they are politically influential.

Kamal Laddha, Bengaluru

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SPEAK OUT

We have seen many Prime Ministers since Independence, but what the country has witnessed in the last 12 years is unimaginable. The northeast had undergone a tremendous transformation.



Pema Khandu, Arunachal Pradesh CM

Exaggeration is my only reality.

Diana Vreeland

TO BE PRECISE



IN PERSPECTIVE

Ascent through allies: The BJP playbook

By cultivating, splitting, and sidelining regional partners, the party has steadily fragmented the opposition

KAY BENEDICT

In 2015, Dattatreya Hosabale, then joint general secretary of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), said in an interview to *Reuters*: "We would want the BJP to win all the state elections because only then can significant social, political, and cultural changes take place in this country... the 2014 election victory should be seen as the starting point of a long-term mission."

To achieve this larger objective, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) needed to take the Congress and the regional parties out of the equation. Its biggest roadblock in this proposed cultural revolution has been the Congress, the Communists, and the regional parties, especially the Dravidian variety.

The big opportunity came in 2014, when Narendra Modi became the Prime Minister as the head of the first full-fledged BJP government and soon declared his party's intention of making India 'Congress-mukt', but that plan did not fully fructify. Paradoxically, today, as more regional parties collapse, the relevance of Congress is even more telling, foregrounding the importance of a robust Opposition in a democratic setup.

Over the years, the BJP perfected the art of use-and-throw, cashing in on the regional parties' rabid anti-Congress positions for mutual benefit. Now, with its pan-India roots, the Congress is the only party still standing and fighting the BJP, whereas almost all regional forces, barring the Telugu Desam Party (TDP), are left on the margins.

In 2024, the BJP fell short of the majority in Parliament but could form the government with support from the TDP and the Janata Dal United (JDU). So, the criticism of Rahul Gandhi for being the 'enabler' of this government is flawed and disconnected from political realities.

The BJP has succeeded in containing regional parties in northern and eastern states. Both the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) and the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) were part of BJP-led coalitions, but the national party failed to gain any electoral sway in Tamil Nadu because of the state's strong anti-Hindi, anti-North political ecosystem. While the AIADMK has

been electorally weakened since, the DMK's rout in 2026 was caused by superstar C. Joseph Vijay and his Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK).

In Karnataka, the BJP worked on the ambitions of the Deve Gowda family to expand the party's base in the state. The Janata Dal (S) has since lost its secular credentials and its electoral base. Though H D Kumaraswamy has been made a minister in the Union cabinet, the BJP declined to renominate his father, Deve Gowda, to the Rajya Sabha, bringing the curtains down on the political career of the patriarch. It remains to be seen if Kumaraswamy will be able to restore the party's lost glory.

Tailored game, consistent strategy

In a predominantly socialist state like Bihar, the BJP quietly grew by piggybacking Nitish Kumar, who, along with George Fernandes, had split the undivided Janata Dal. Chief Minister Lalu Prasad Yadav's resignation after the fodder scam set the stage for the impending political shift. Regional parties like the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) and the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) that declined to play ball with the BJP have learned it the hard way.

To get a foothold in Bihar, the BJP first eliminated the entrenched RJD by backing Nitish Kumar, who captured the OBC and the upper-caste space. In neighbouring West Bengal, a history of anti-Congress sentiment worked in favour of the Left, which was subsequently ousted by Mamata Banerjee's Trinamool Congress (TMC). The BJP grew parallelly and after three terms of the TMC, the party has now risen to power in the state.

In Andhra Pradesh, the BJP remained transactional in its ties with Jaganmohan Reddy's YSR Congress, only to switch later towards the TDP. Again, the regional party in power is set to facilitate the BJP's growth in the state. In neighbouring Telangana, the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) hobnobbed with the BJP to contain the Congress but lost credibility and power to the Congress.

The BJP-Shiv Sena alliance in Maharashtra defines the BJP's playbook for the states. It engineered the split in the regional party and embraced the splintered faction led by Eknath Shinde, weakening the original Sena. The BJP split the other state-centred party – the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) – and enlisted the support of the faction led by Ajit Pawar, the nephew of Sharad Pawar. After the death of Pawar junior in an aircraft crash earlier this year, his party risks being on a familiar road to irrelevance.

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In Mumbai, a white line between *ahimsa* and anger

JAGDISH RATTANANI

An unseemly and unprecedented divide has sprung up in Mumbai, carrying with it communal overtones and linguistic differences that are dividing communities and sending warning signals of what can go wrong when the principles of secularism are compromised and hatred is spread to gain political mileage. The ‘them’ versus ‘us’ divide that has become the staple of majoritarian national politics may have targeted a particular group or community, but the hate can fan fires in places that will surprise and shock.

This time, the divide has taken the form of a dispute between some members of the Jain community and groups of local Mumbai residents who have begun complaining about some of the Jain customs and practices that violate the sanctity of public spaces and bring aspects of the Jain religion on the roads, literally. The Jain community has been triggered so much by the developments that it has surpris-

ingly offered an aggressive view of itself, shaking the long-held position of Jains on strict adherence to non-violence. It is known that Mahatma Gandhi’s globally acclaimed philosophy of non-violence and *satyagraha* was inspired by the Jain ideals of extreme non-violence.

The controversy started when a few Jain followers painted a white strip in the precincts of a Mumbai residential colony to mark out a pathway on which the Jain *munis* could walk and therefore be encouraged to visit the building. Moss or algae will not grow on a strip oil-painted in white, thus enabling the Jain monks to walk without harming life, keeping to their strict vows of non-violence. The white band also keeps the pathway cooler for Jain ascetics who usually walk barefoot. The trouble is the building compound was marked without asking other non-Jain members, who have demanded that this unilateralism by the Jains in the housing society must not stand. One protester asked if it would be okay for him

to paint saffron stripes and for another community to paint the compound in green, thus presenting the dispute in stark terms that highlight just how much anger and bitterness have seeped into relations that were until recently thought to be harmonious.

The controversy of painted white stripes began in Mumbai’s north-east suburbs (Ghatkopar) and quickly spread to neighbourhoods in north-central (Dadar) and south Mumbai (Girgaon) with a host of other complaints added on against the Jains and their practices. The dispute has turned more heated as the Jain community has not given in. In fact, videos have shown a Jain senior dressed in traditional white robes rudely asking the local Maharashtra protesters to keep their voices down as they speak. In an even uglier turn, a purportedly pro-Hindutva Jain monk asked the protesters to fight other prominent minorities rather than Jains, injecting new communal hatred and targeting other minority groups who are not involved in

this dispute at all. That disturbing video by the monk ended with a warning to local protesters: *‘hum ne choodiyan nahi pehni’* (loosely meaning we can fight back), which only served to put on display the violence deep inside the non-violence professed by the monk in question.

The dispute began with a simple ask: any changes in common areas of residential colonies must follow a due process, as is indeed the norm of democratic societal functioning. In that, the local voices of protesters are making a fair point. The initial aggressive response of the Jain community has invited harsher criticism from the protesters. The violent undertones challenge the foundational tenets of Jainism, which hold that total *ahimsa* in thought, deed, and word is the highest religion and the supreme duty (*ahimsa paramo dharma*).

The Jains are a small but influential community, many of them speaking Gujarati or Marwari and a large percentage working in powerful and successful busi-

nesses. A Pew survey in 2021 reported that seven in 10 Jains say they feel closest to the BJP, while just 8% say they feel closest to the Indian National Congress. Pew said Jains are more likely than other religious communities in India, including Hindus, to feel political affinity with the BJP.

That points to another source of friction brewing in Mumbai, based on language and political affiliation. Local opposition has been increasingly vociferous against groups from the neighbouring Gujarat being awarded key projects in Mumbai. For example, after securing the redevelopment of the Dharavi area (some 625 acres), followed by Bandra Reclamation (about 24 acres), the Ahmedabad-headquartered Adani group has now won a significant redevelopment contract in Goregaon in the western suburbs, spread across some 143 acres, according to reports.

Adding to the pressure are objections to shop names displayed in Gujarati (which is common in Mumbai), opening a fault line that shows how large capital, local area dis-

sonance and political resentment can reap bitter dividends. The perceived political push favouring select business interests, the split in the locally rooted Shiv Sena that was engineered, the resentment it brewed among ordinary citizens and the history of Maharashtra – which was born on May 1, 1960, after a bitter struggle that split the erstwhile Bombay State into two distinct linguistic states of Maharashtra and Gujarat – make for a complex background to the evolving dispute.

Broadly, it is clear that anything that breaks social cohesion, encourages crony capitalism or exploits communal divides builds a tinderbox that can burn the entire house down. The answer lies in turning back to the path of non-violence and standing with Mahatma Gandhi and his principles of *satyagraha*. This is a path that the nation and the parties in the current dispute will need to teach and learn once again.

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The United States is emerging weaker — militarily, diplomatically and economically — than at the start of the war

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The preliminary deal ending President Donald Trump’s four-month war with Iran is welcome but brings with it hard truths. Trump made a terrible mistake starting this war. He prosecuted it recklessly and in open defiance of the law. The United States is emerging weaker — militarily, diplomatically and economically — and will pay strategic costs for years to come.

The details of the deal are unclear, but the announced framework suggests that Trump has won few of the terms he insisted that he would. It is a humiliating comedown for him and the nation he leads.

Since the war began, he has said the United States would achieve “total and complete victory” and that Iran must agree to “unconditional surrender.” He suggested that regime change would occur. He said that Iran would be permitted “no enrichment” of uranium and that “the United States will, working with Iran, dig up and remove all of the deeply buried” near-bomb-grade nuclear material that it already holds.

None of this appears to be true. Iran’s hard-line government remains in place. The specifics of the nuclear agreement will apparently be negotiated over the next two months, but the terms seem likely to resemble those of a 2015 deal that President Barack Obama negotiated and that Trump cancelled in 2018. He described the Obama agreement as the “worst deal ever” and said it put Iran on “a route to a nuclear weapon.” He criticised it for failing to force Iran to stop supporting terrorist groups like Hamas and Hezbollah and for loosening economic sanctions. Yet his destructive war seems likely to leave him with a similar deal.

His biggest achievement in the ceasefire framework is the expected reopening of the Strait of Hormuz to global shipping traffic, which will eventually reduce the prices of energy and other goods. That, of course, is merely a reversion to the pre-war *status quo*. Iran closed the strait in retaliation, to damage the global economy and increase political pressure on the United States. The move worked, and Iran’s leaders now understand that they hold a powerful economic weapon.

On balance, Iran emerges the strategic winner of the four-month war. It did suffer substantial losses, including much of its navy, air force, military-industrial capacity and political leadership, including Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, the supreme leader, who was killed on the war’s first day. With the war ending, however, Iran’s leadership can begin rebuilding. The United States, for its part, looks weaker in the eyes of the world. The US military has shown itself unable to quash a much smaller opponent even as it burned through many of its long-range precision missiles and interceptors.

The outcome damages this country’s ability to deter other potential adversaries. To begin to repair the damage, the United States would be wise to mend alliances in Europe, the Middle East and Asia that have been frayed by the war’s military and economic effects. The Pentagon will also need to modernise and prepare for the wars of the future. Neither is likely to happen under Trump.

Before the American and Israeli attack began February 28, Iran’s leadership had endured a miserable 21/2 years. The government was far weaker than it had been



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Trump lost this war

before the October 7, 2023, attack on Israel by Hamas, which Iran has long funded and advised. In response to that attack, Israel significantly diminished Hamas and Hezbollah, another Iranian proxy group.

In Syria, a murderous, Iran-backed dictator fell while Iran’s leaders did little to save him. Israel and the United States exposed Iran’s air defences and missile program as paper tigers when they bombed Iranian nuclear sites last summer, setting back its program. All the while, Iran’s currency continued to plummet, and its economy was in ruins. Starting late last year, Iranians took to the streets to protest, and the regime responded by killing thousands of them, if not tens of thousands.

All these problems remain, and Iran is still weaker than it was three years ago. But the war has given it leverage it did not have when 2026 began. Its regime has demonstrated that it can survive waves of attacks from its two biggest enemies. Its leaders have not had to abandon their nuclear ambitions. And they have learned that the rest of the world seems unwilling to use military force to reopen the Strait of Hormuz. If Iran chooses to close the strait at some point in the coming months or years, what will Trump do in response?

We lay out these facts with no pleasure. Iran has been and remains a force for ill. It represses its own people, especially political dissidents, women, LGBTQ+ people and religious minorities. It is a world leader in torture and executions, and it has financed terrorism in its region and far beyond. Iran’s leaders have impoverished a country where per capita income was above the global average as recently as the 1970s.

The regime’s distinct brutality should have been reason for the United States to

Iran will enter nuclear talks feeling emboldened

In the days after Iran and the US reached a preliminary agreement to pause their war, Iranian politicians, generals, and clerics from a range of political factions described the deal as a victory that showed Tehran’s resilience against a far more powerful enemy. That is the position Iran’s leaders are pushing even though the country lost a slew of its top political and military figures, and was left with an economy strained even further by a naval blockade.

“Iran has taken a major step toward final victory,” Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf, the speaker of the Iranian Parliament who has played a major role in negotiating the deal, wrote on social media on Monday.

Some of the backslapping is most likely aimed at presenting a united front both abroad and at home, where a vocal hard-line minority has pro-

tested the agreement as a betrayal of those killed in the war. The comments also reflect the genuine perception of Iran’s leaders, who can point to the fact that the terms of the agreement, though still not fully known, will fall far short of what President Trump had previously declared as his goals in starting the war: “total and complete victory” for the US and “unconditional surrender” for Iran.

Iranian negotiators have even felt emboldened enough to insist that Lebanon, where Israel has been fighting Iran’s ally Hezbollah, be included in the agreement, though Israel has pushed back. With Iran entering those talks feeling confident, its negotiators may be unwilling to make compromises on the key points of disagreement, including the future of Iran’s current stockpile of enriched uranium. **NYT**

Trump ignored the Constitution and refused to seek congressional approval for the war. He did not listen to European and Asian allies who opposed his war. He failed to plan for Iran’s obvious ability to close the Strait of Hormuz. He made threats about destroying Iranian civilisation that succeeded only in diminishing America’s moral standing.

For his sins, he has now agreed to a peace framework that the entire world understands is a defeat for him. **NYT**

OUR PAGES OF HISTORY

50 YEARS AGO: JUNE 1976

Detention period extended to 2 years under MISA

New Delhi, June 16
President Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed today issued an ordinance further amending the MISA. The ordinance extended the validity of Section 16 (A) of MISA from one year to two years. This section, incorporated in MISA after the declaration of Emergency, had empowered the Government to detain any person without supplying him the grounds for one year. After today’s amendment the detention made under Section 16(A) would be deemed to be valid for two years.

25 YEARS AGO: JUNE 2001

Sonia asks Congress CMs to help Centre on national issues

New Delhi, June 16
Congress President Sonia Gandhi today told her party’s Chief Ministers to be alive to the “dichotomy” that while they would have to highlight all differences with the NDA government at the Centre at “every opportunity”, they “will also have to work with it in matters concerning national and developmental issues.” The second meeting of the 11 Congress CMs, which Ms Gandhi had called at the party headquarters, took stock of the work being done by the respective state governments.

OASIS | ROHINI S MURTHY

The missing tile syndrome

Amid thousands of tiles, the lone missing one triggered overwhelming stress, as the goal of a perfect pool remained unfulfilled.

The missing tile is actually not a story but an experiment which was done in a hotel by Psychologists, to prove that we tend to learn more towards our shortcomings, despite many things going well in our lives. Human nature is such that however good our life is, we divert our mental energy towards that one elusive thing which is missing. For instance, if one tooth is broken or chipped, our tongue

invariably goes towards that particular tooth, why so? Or for that matter, if a mother has 3 kids and one has gone abroad while the other two stay with

her, the mother invariably keeps thinking and worrying about the son who is not present instead of the children who take care of her.

Missing tile syndrome can rob our focus from the good things in life and eventually steal our mental peace too. This trait of noticing what is lacking can soon turn into a toxic habit, if we don’t nip it in the bud. Our yoga teacher recently spoke on these lines when a few students

complained that he had missed two *asanas* the previous day. He simply smiled and said, ‘During the hour-long class, we did many *asanas* to improve our flexibility and muscle strength, but you regret about not doing two *asanas*, instead of enjoying the benefits of the overall session’. Being contented and thankful is a mindful choice that we should learn to practise on a daily basis. By doing so, we can focus on the blessings and eventually lose sight of what we lack. Oprah Winfrey has put it aptly, ‘Be thankful for what you have; you’ll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don’t have, you will never, ever have enough.’



Mamata goes to court to challenge her poll loss

TMC supremo lost Bhabanipur constituency to Suwendu by over 15,000 votes

KOLKATA, PTI

Trinamool Congress chief Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday filed an election petition before the Calcutta High Court, challenging the poll result in the Bhabanipur Assembly seat, which she lost to BJP's Suwendu Adhikari.

Adhikari, who is the current chief minister, defeated Banerjee by a margin of 15,105 votes in the seat.

TMC sources said Mamata went to the high court registry to "affirm" the petition challenging the result. The former chief minister did not reply to reporters' questions when she left the high court premises. Counting of votes of the West Bengal Assembly election was held on May 4.

The matter is pending before the Calcutta High Court.

Cracks widen
Meanwhile, fissures within



Mamata Banerjee exits the Calcutta HC on Tuesday. PTI

TMC were again on display in the West Bengal Assembly on Tuesday, with MLAs loyal to Mamata not invited to an all-party meeting convened ahead of the Budget Session on June 18, while members of the party's rebel camp led by Ritabrata Banerjee were invited.

The development comes at a time when TMC, despite emerging as the principal opposition force, is grappling with an unprecedented internal rebellion.

HC: How should Speaker act on 2 LoP claims?

KOLKATA, PTI: The Calcutta High Court on Tuesday questioned the procedure to be followed by the Assembly Speaker when two conflicting proposals are received from the same political party for the appointment of Leader of Opposition (LoP) in the House, hearing the first-ever such dispute in West Bengal Assembly.

Hearing a petition filed by TMC MLA Sobhandeb Chattopadhyay challenging the rejection of his name and the appointment of MLA Ritabrata Banerjee, Justice Krishna Rao said the Speaker is required to act after receiving a resolution from the largest opposition party, but must also address disputes arising from such proposals in accordance with law.

The judge asked what the Speaker's duty would be if two different proposals are received from the same political party.

Rebel row: Abhishek misses LS Speaker meet

NEW DELHI, DHNS: Trinamool Congress national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee was called at short notice on Monday for a meeting with Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla over objections to recognising 20 rebel MPs who switched to a little-known party. According to sources, he could not attend as he was appearing before the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

Sources said Birla will decide on the matter — Trinamool opposes the rebels' demand for separate seating in the Lok Sabha — only after hearing both sides. The Speaker's invite to Abhishek gave him just two hours to appear, but the party informed that he would be unable to do so, sources claimed.

The Lok Sabha Secretariat referred to Abhishek's June 10 letter requesting Birla to hear Trinamool before taking any decision on the rebels.

Party sources said the email from the Lok Sabha Secretariat was delivered at 2 pm on Monday, while Abhishek was at the ED office without access to his phone or email.

Out of BJP, Annamalai takes aim at Centre over NEET retest

E T B SIVAPRIYAN
CHENNAI, DHNS

Ten days after announcing the launch of his political movement, former Karnataka-cadre IPS officer K Annamalai on Tuesday questioned the BJP-led Union Government over the arrangements for the NEET retest on June 21, saying the current approach, instead of resolving the problem, risks creating a new set of complications.

Annamalai, who quit the BJP on June 2, came down heavily on the Ministry of Education for the "additional burden" imposed on young students before they undergo an assessment. The former Tamil Nadu



K Annamalai

chief's social media post was laced with sarcasm and criticism of the stringent measures imposed by the ministry to prevent question paper leaks.

This marks Annamalai's first direct criticism of his former party since parting ways, and his comments were not entirely surprising, as Annamalai had made it clear on June 5 that the BJP was not above criticism.

The post on the NEET re-examination came a day after Annamalai came under attack from social media

users for his frequent use of the term "North Indians" in posts regarding rising crime incidents in Tamil Nadu, with many questioning whether he was mimicking the rhetoric of Dravidian parties.

Annamalai's stance on the NEET retest and the law-and-order situation appears to indicate that he intends to make Tamil Nadu the primary focus of his platform, much like the Dravidian parties.

Annamalai argued that intensified scrutiny before entry, extended frisking, and an increase in the overall exam time from 180 minutes to 195 minutes will only add to their "already-ballooning exam pressure."

Plaints filed in Ram Temple funds case

LUCKNOW, DHNS

Days after the alleged 'embezzlement' of offerings at the Ram Temple, two police complaints were lodged at the Ram Janmabhoomi police station in Ayodhya seeking registration of a case against some Ram Temple Trust officers-bearers.

The first complaint was filed by the president of 'Dharm Sena', Santosh Dube, who had also been associated with the Ram Temple movement.

Dube said he would approach the court if the police failed to register an FIR based on his complaint.

Another police complaint

was lodged by Youth Congress Vice-President Sharad Shukla, who sought the removal of the Trust officers-bearers, stating that an impartial investigation was not possible as long as they remained at the helm of affairs.

UP Congress president Ajai Rai termed the alleged 'embezzlement' a 'collective loot'.

MISCELLANY

COMICS

Blondie



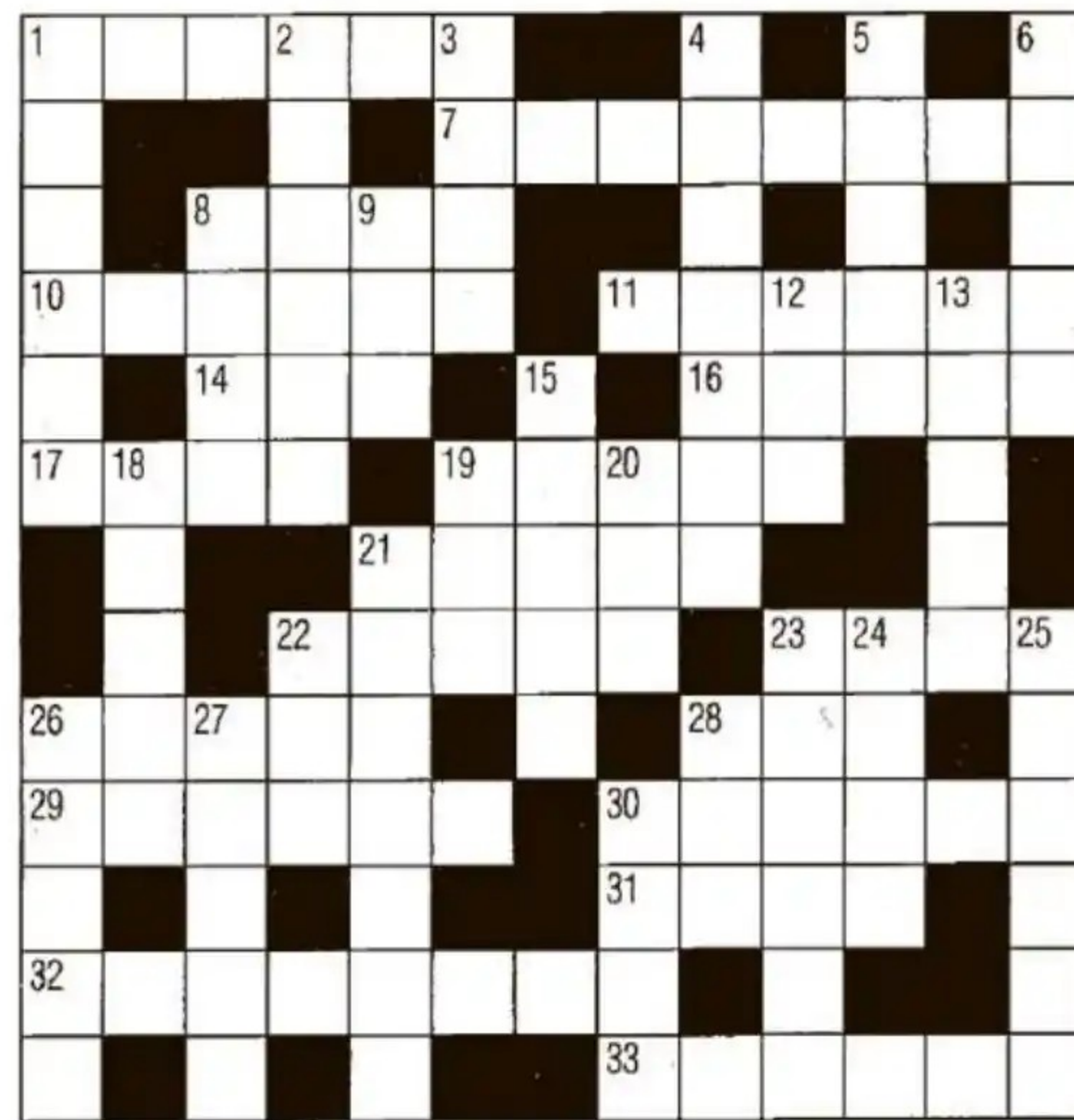
Beetle Bailey



Marvin



CROSSWORD CHALLENGE 12440



- ACROSS**
- 1 Reviewer (6)
 - 7 Pointer on a timepiece (4, 4)
 - 8 Heal (4)
 - 10 Lacking width (6)
 - 11 Leg bone (6)
 - 14 On strike (3)
 - 16 Stories (5)
 - 17 Policemen, slang (4)
 - 19 Warehouse, storehouse (5)
 - 21 Light beer (5)
 - 22 Chair carried on poles (5)
 - 23 Girl's toy (4)
 - 26 Deserve (5)
 - 28 Boy's name (3)
 - 29 Adjusts (6)
 - 30 Sight (6)
 - 31 Religious image (4)
 - 32 Dainty (8)
 - 33 Vocalist (6)
- DOWN**
- 1 Specialised hospital (6)
 - 2 Star sign (6)
 - 3 Masticate (4)
 - 4 Judas (7)
 - 5 Afghan capital (5)
 - 6 Notions (5)
 - 8 Harvest (4)
 - 9 Decompose (3)
 - 12 Flying mammal (3)
 - 13 Lawful (5)
 - 15 Royal (5)
 - 18 Lubricated (5)
 - 19 Father (3)
 - 20 Writing tool (3)
 - 21 Cos, for example (7)
 - 22 Drink gingerly (3)
 - 23 Deny any connection with (6)
 - 24 Norse god (4)
 - 25 Delay, loiter (6)
 - 26 Female servants (5)
 - 27 Recover strength (5)
 - 28 So or thus (3)
 - 30 Contends (4)

CRYPTIC

- ACROSS**
- 1 Twin actors, possibly? (6)
 - 7 The time cocoa's in preparation (8)
 - 8 What a funny fence! (2-2)
 - 10 One sees it as good sense (6)
 - 11 It's easy to file an account! (6)
 - 14 In simple terms, leased (3)
 - 16 Produce beer, perhaps, for the trading centre (5)
 - 17 Identify as grass? (4)
 - 19 The all-in total (5)
 - 21 Guilty person's regret about an own goal (5)
 - 22 A name I had for being bashful (5)
 - 23 Speed past (4)
 - 26 Piece angrily torn off (5)
 - 28 Abe's little girl? (3)
 - 29 With heavy blows, a politician may be shut out (6)
 - 30 Genial little trio (6)
 - 31 Nominally a unit (4)
 - 32 Made to realise there are wild deer around to take care of (8)
 - 33 City where there's no longer a tree to be found? (6)
- DOWN**
- 1 It tastes better than a stick (6)
 - 2 A steel product with prickles (6)
 - 3 The horse galloped out of the ring (4)
 - 4 Of consuming interest (7)
 - 5 Figure there's food around for a fairy (5)
 - 6 Like every single person (5)
 - 8 A building of marked value? (4)
 - 9 Steamy piece of photography? (3)
 - 12 Weep when there are chips out of the crockery (3)
 - 13 Go the French way? (5)
 - 15 A bad character (5)
 - 18 This heart-breaking world (5)
 - 19 Cruise to Mauritius to start? (3)
 - 20 Lord of the courts (3)
 - 21 After such a good time, are repairs necessary? (7)
 - 22 The chap who gave Smith new heart (3)
 - 23 More exacting than ever (6)
 - 24 A lip split by a bucket (4)
 - 25 Evidently there's cash in road-building (6)
 - 26 Back rents collected (5)
 - 27 Associated with gin, it's mostly rum (5)
 - 28 A short cut (3)
 - 30 Old overworked horse? Yes, half dead (4)

SOLUTIONS TO CROSSWORD 12439

CRYPTIC
ACROSS: 1, Ha-r-sh 6, S-ince 9, Pa-l-nted 10, Ma-rr-y 11, Lowly 12, Stall 13, M-I-stake 15, Sit 17, Acne 18, Bron-co 19, Tr-I-es 20, Credi-t 22, Dose 24, O-ar 25, Slurped 26, Fan-NY 27, Sta-I-n 28, AWare 29, Finders 30, Re-LIC 31, Myth-s.
DOWN: 2, Arabic 3, Sp-r-ite 4, Hay(-market) 5, Unite 6, Se-LL-ers 7, I-dol 8, Celtic 12, Ski-Rt. 13, Marco 14, SN-e'er 15, S-n-oop 16, To-wed 18, Belly 19, Titanic 21, Rattle 22, Drowsy 23, Sea-r-ch 25, S-n-ide 26, Fi-Fi 28, Arm.

EASY

ACROSS: 1, Wheel 6, Mourn 9, Lanolin 10, Strap 11, Llama 12, Aptly 13, Honesty 15, Pip 17, Aged 18, Corona 19, Salon 20, Events 22, Cite 24, Mar 25, Wealthy 26, Spies 27, Rip up 28, Audio 29, Respond 30, Sever 31, Types.
DOWN: 2, Hot dog 3, Elated 4, Lap 5, Poppy 6, Million 7, Only 8, Remain 12, Atlas 13, Harem 14, Never 15, Posit 16, Pacey 18, Cones 19, Stopper 21, Valise 22, Cloudy 23, Thrice 25, Weeps 26, Sure 28, Ant.

Hagar The Horrible



Peanuts



SU-DO-KU-6934

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9		3		6				7
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1	3	6	2	7	9	5	4	8
6	7	2	3	9	4	8	1	5
4	5	8	6	1	2	9	7	3
3	1	9	7	5	8	6	2	4

SOLUTION TO 6933

To solve the puzzle: To solve a su-do-ku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows, and in each of the nine boxes.

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A ₁	A ₁	S ₁	O ₁	U ₁	R ₁	G ₂			

PAR SCORE 135-145
by JUDD

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in the Collins English Dictionary. JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION									
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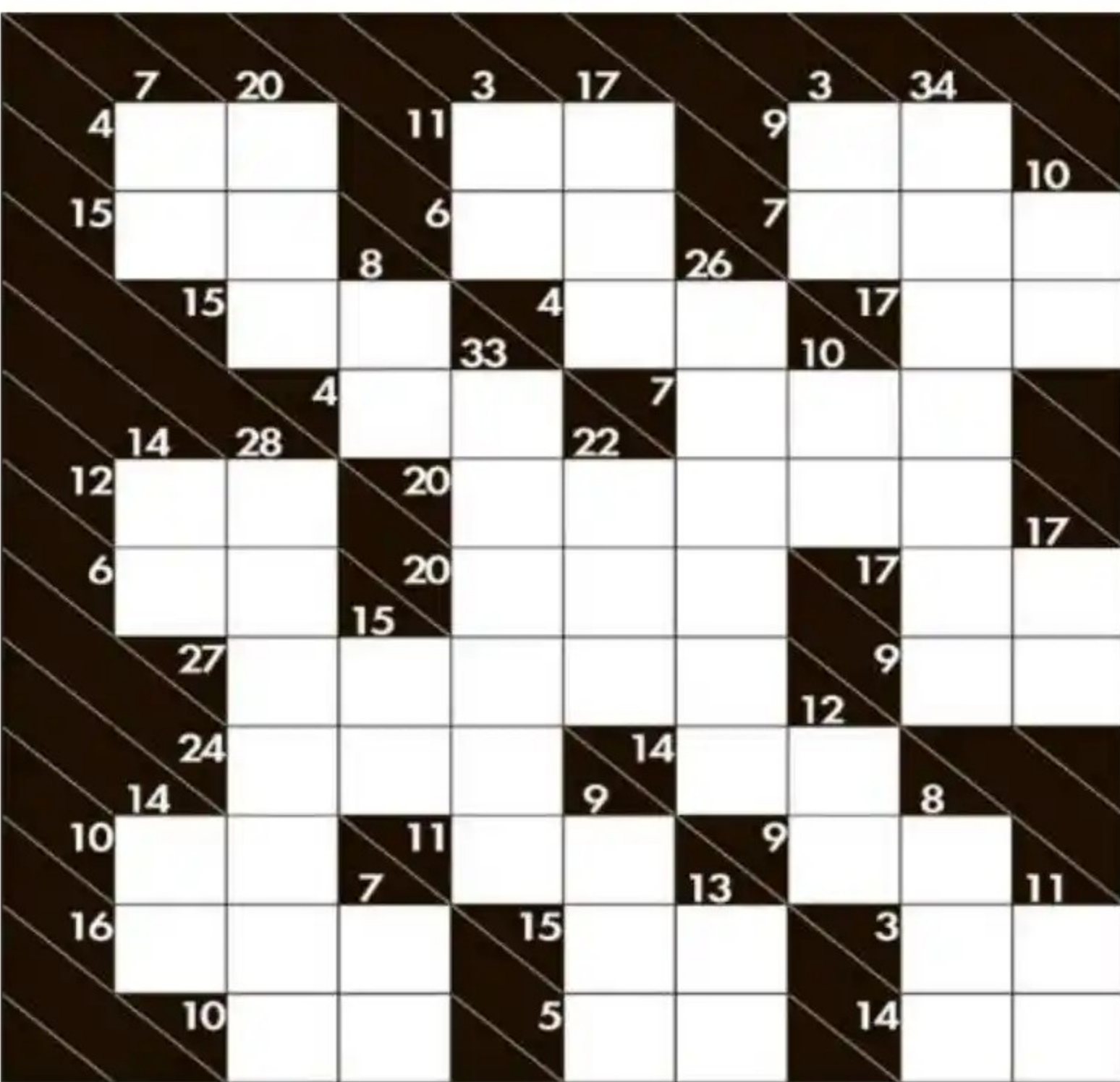
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SOLUTION TO 3387

3	6		5	4	7
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1	8	2		3	5
5		8	1	7	6
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6		5		8	1
4	5	1	6		7
	2		7	4	6

To solve the puzzle: Eliminate numbers by filling in squares so that remaining cells in that row or column do not repeat that number more than once. Filled-in cells cannot be horizontally or vertically adjacent. The un-filled cells must form a single component connected horizontally and vertically.

KAKURO- 3388



SOLUTION TO 3387

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			1	7	4	9	3
8	9		2	1	4		3
1	7	9	5	2	8	3	
	6	8			6	1	
	9	8		3	5		5
	3	5	9	1	4	8	9
	7	4	3	6	7	9	4

To solve the puzzle: Put a number from 1 through 9 in a cell. No zeros. A number in a cell separated by diagonal line tells the sum of numbers in consecutive cells at its right or downward. No number may appear more than once in consecutive cells.

SU DO KU X - 3949

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		1					
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SOLUTION TO 3948

1	6	3	5	4	7	9	8
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3	1	8	4	6	5	2	7
4	7	2	1	9	3	8	6
6	8	4	3	1	2	5	9
2	5	1	8	7	9	3	4
9	3	7	6	5	4	1	2

To solve the puzzle: The objective is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column, each 3x3 box and each shaded diagonal line contains the same number only once.

G7 finds ‘unity’ on upping Russia pressure to end Ukraine war

Trump urges Putin to make a deal as group backs tougher sanctions

EVIAN-LES-BAINS (FRANCE), AFP

G7 leaders agreed on Tuesday to intensify pressure on Russia to end more than four years of war against Ukraine, with US President Donald Trump saying President Vladimir Putin should “make a deal” and indicating Washington could reimpose waived sanctions.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy joined the summit at the French resort of Evian, with increased sanctions and the possibility of a face-to-face meeting between the Ukrainian leader and Russian President Vladimir Putin under discussion.

Analysts say Ukraine is increasingly holding up well on the battlefield, but its cities remain the target of deadly Russian attacks in a conflict that has now lasted longer than World War I.

The summit of the G7 group of world powers notably brought Zelenskyy together with Trump, who has sought to reach out to Putin but has



(From L) Germany's Chancellor Friedrich Merz, US President Donald Trump, Italy's Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni and European Council President Antonio Costa attend a work lunch as part of the G7 summit in Evian, France, on Tuesday. AFP

also shown signs of losing patience with Moscow. “Russia should make a deal” to end the war against Ukraine, Trump said after meeting Zelenskyy.

He pointed to the high casualties on both sides in the conflict, the deadliest on European soil since World War II.

“The whole thing is ridiculous. So, yeah, I’m going to do whatever I can,” Trump added.

He said the US would soon be able to reimpose sanctions on Russian oil after Washington imposed and then extended a sanctions waiver for

Russian oil cargoes already at sea, troubling European allies.

“Soon we will be able to do that as the oil is now flowing” through the Strait of Hormuz after the deal with Iran to end the West Asia war, Trump said.

“Things are changing” - British Prime Minister Keir Starmer said all the G7 powers were “in the same place” and there was “a real sense of unity in the G7, a sort of shared consensus that things are changing.”

“Ukraine has shown that it’s able not just to defend itself but

to take territory back and inflict quite significant losses on Russia,” he told Times Radio.

Starmer said Britain was imposing a raft of new sanctions against Russia, including on tankers that transport LNG, in a bid to pressure Moscow into halting the war against Ukraine.

A French diplomatic source said after the talks that “leaders decided today to increase the pressure on Russia through sanctions on gas and oil.”

The summit’s host, Pres-

HOT MICS

■ Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni’s smoking habits were the subject of a hot-mic moment on Tuesday. Asked by German Chancellor Friedrich Merz if she had already had a cigarette that morning, Meloni revealed that she hadn’t smoked “since the first of May.”

■ In a moment of intrigue, Trump was caught on microphone talking with European Council President António Costa. “You understand?” Trump said before pausing and looking squarely at Costa. “Greenland.” The start and end of the conversation was unclear.

B'desh PM's aide says he returned to protest Delhi airport delay

DHAKA, PTI: A top adviser to the Bangladesh prime minister on Tuesday said he returned home from New Delhi airport after initially being denied entry, saying he felt the need to register an “instant protest”.

Dr Zahed Ur Rahman, the prime minister’s Adviser on Policy and Strategy Affairs and Information and Broadcasting, was stopped at Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi on Sunday when his name was reportedly flagged during a routine security check, state-run BSS news agency reported.

Although Indian authorities later allowed him to proceed with his visit, he decided to return home, it added. “I felt there needed to be an instant protest,” Rahman told a press conference in Dhaka, speaking publicly about the incident for the first time.

Slovakia backs India's UNSC bid

BRATISLAVA, PTI: Slovakia backed India’s bid for permanent membership of a “reformed” UN Security Council as the two countries elevated their ties to a Comprehensive Partnership during Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s visit.

In a joint statement issued after talks between Prime Minister Modi and his Slovak counterpart Robert Fico on Monday, the two sides underlined the need for reforms of multilateral institutions, including the UN and the UNSC, to make them “more representative”.

Deal with US hinges on Israel's Lebanon exit: Iran

Hormuz shipping muted despite US-Iran truce accord

DUBAI, AP/PTI

Iran’s top diplomat said Tuesday that the tentative deal to end the war with the US would require Israel to withdraw from Lebanon — a condition Israel has already rejected and one that could jeopardise the agreement and lead to a resumption of full-scale hostilities.

The deal between the US and Iran has not been made public, and officials have at times offered differing interpretations of its contents.

While Israel is not a party to the agreement, it has been directly involved in the conflict. It joined the US in launching strikes on Iran on February 28 and has since fought the Iran-backed Hezbollah militant group in Lebanon while seizing large areas of territory there.

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said Israel’s continued presence in southern Lebanon would violate the agreement.

“Without the withdrawal



Residents drive past destroyed buildings as they return to the southern village of Sriba in Lebanon on Tuesday. AFP

Iran deal includes \$300 billion fund

A \$300 billion private fund designed to trigger investment into Iran is outlined in the US-Iran framework agreement and more than half that sum has already been committed, Reuters reports from Dubai.

The fund is designed to give both sides an economic incentive to conclude a final deal, said

the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the plan has not yet been announced as Washington and Tehran prepare to sign on Friday. The new fund is a private investment vehicle, not a reconstruction or reparations program and will not include any government money or grants, the source said.

of Israeli forces from the territories they occupied during this war, the war has not fully come to an end,” Araghchi said.

A US official, speaking on condition of anonymity to dis-

cuss the outlines of the agreement, said it did not require an Israeli withdrawal. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Monday that Israel would remain in Lebanon “as long as necessary”.

Iran will enter nuclear talks feeling emboldened

NYT NEWS SERVICE

In the days after Iran and the US reached a preliminary agreement to pause their war, Iranian politicians, generals and clerics from across the political spectrum described the deal as a victory that demonstrated Iran’s resilience against a far more powerful adversary.

That has become the dominant narrative despite Iran losing several senior political and military figures, suffering significant damage to its ballistic missile arsenal and facing further economic strain from a naval blockade. “Iran has taken a major step toward final victory,” Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf, speaker of the Iranian parliament and a key figure in negotiations, wrote on social media on Monday.

As negotiators moved closer to an agreement, Sadeq Amoli Larjani, chair of a

WINNING ATTITUDE

■ Iranian leaders hail the US deal as proof of resilience and a diplomatic win despite battlefield setbacks.

powerful supervisory council, said Iranians had shown a “renewed spirit of resistance” and defeated US-Israeli plans to overthrow the Islamic Republic. Part of the messaging appears aimed at projecting unity at home and abroad, particularly as hard-line factions have criticised the agreement as a betrayal of those killed in the conflict.

The comments also reflect a genuine belief among Iranian leaders that the agreement falls well short of what President Donald Trump had previously described as his objectives: “total and complete victory” for the US and

“unconditional surrender” for Iran. The war has also altered Iran’s internal power structure. Trump’s recent rhetoric has further reinforced Iranian confidence. He publicly criticised Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu over attacks on Lebanon that nearly disrupted negotiations and described Iran’s current leadership, including Mojtaba Khamenei, as pragmatic.

On Tuesday, Trump said Iran’s leadership was now “rational” compared with those killed at the outset of the conflict. Under Trump’s account of the agreement, Iran is expected to allow shipping through the Strait of Hormuz, restoring pre-war conditions. However, Iran has indicated it may impose charges. “Iran is certain to be emboldened by this deal,” said Mehrzad Boroujerdi, an Iran expert at Missouri University of Science and Technology.

Plot to attack White House fight night foiled: FBI

WASHINGTON, AFP

US law enforcement on Tuesday said it had foiled a plot to attack the White House during a crowded mixed martial arts event attended by President Donald Trump and other senior officials.

“Thanks to the rapid action of this FBI, our partners, and the Department of Justice in a multi-state operation, multiple individuals are now in custody and allegedly planned attacks were stopped cold,” FBI Director Kash Patel announced on X. His post included a caption of a Fox News headline that read: “FBI disrupts alleged explosive-drone plot targeting White House UFC event, officials say.”

Trump on Sunday joined thousands of fans at the unprecedented White House fights, where a temporary arena dubbed “The Claw” was erected on the South Lawn.

Fox News reported that five people had been taken into custody, citing unnamed US officials. Investigators reportedly identified 23 peo-

ple in a “potential network of plotters” who allegedly communicated through a Signal group chat.

According to the report, the plan involved using drones to strike buildings near the White House during the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) event, triggering a mass evacuation that would “steer crowds toward a pre-staged sniper team”. The report also alleged there were plans for a “second wave” to storm the White House gates.

It was not immediately clear whether those involved in the alleged plot had taken concrete steps to carry out an attack. The White House is protected by extensive surveillance systems, fencing, checkpoints, anti-aircraft capabilities, snipers and permanent quick-reaction forces.

The June 14 “UFC Freedom 250” event — which also coincided with Trump’s 80th birthday — was intended to launch celebrations marking the 250th anniversary of US independence.

Fox News reported that the FBI became aware of the threat on June 10.

HEINOUS CRIME

Man jailed for forcing wife into mass prostitution

STOCKHOLM, AFP

A Swedish court on Tuesday sentenced a 61-year-old man to over four years in prison for pressuring his wife to have sex with scores of men for money.

The man was convicted of “aggravated pimping”, attempted rape, assault and issuing threats, as well as a minor drug offence, the court said in a statement, noting the actions took place over three years.

“The district court has found that the man was the one who initiated the woman’s entry into prostitution and was also the person who handled most of the operation’s administration,” it said.

It also said the actions were considered aggravated because the “plaintiff was ruthlessly exploited”.

The defendant, jailed for four years and five months,

was accused of creating internet adverts and arranging paid meetings between men who answered and his spouse.

The case, in which the prosecutor has said some 120 buyers had been identified, has shocked Sweden. It has drawn comparisons with France’s Gisele Pelicot, whose husband was convicted in 2024 of drugging her and letting scores of men rape her while unconscious.

“The trial has been long and demanding for the parties and others involved. The publicity has also been perceived by many parties as a particular strain,” judge Johan Ahlberg said. The husband was ordered to pay 200,000 kronor (\$21,000) in damages to the plaintiff. Prosecutor Ida Annerstedt told AFP at the start of the trial in April that the woman had “a serious fear” of her husband.

WORLD AT A GLANCE

8 killed in B-52 bomber crash at California air base

► A B-52 bomber crashed shortly after take-off at a US Air Force base in Southern California’s Mojave Desert and burst into flames, killing all eight people on board, AP/PTI reports from Los Angeles.

Aerial footage showed virtually nothing left of the aircraft, which went down at around 11:20 am on Monday during a routine test mission at Edwards Air Force Base, north of Los Angeles. Black smoke rose from a large swathe of charred desert near the runway, with emergency vehicles deployed nearby. Those on board included government contractors and uniformed military personnel.

Rajapaksa seeks court protection

► Former Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa on Tuesday filed a petition in court seeking to prevent his arrest in connection with the Easter Sunday attacks, PTI reports from Colombo.

On April 21, 2019, nine suicide bombers, including a woman, carried out a series of blasts that tore through three church-

es and three luxury hotels, killing 270 people, including 44 foreigners, 11 of them Indians, and injuring more than 500 others. Rajapaksa, 77, filed a writ petition in the Court of Appeal, naming the police chief, the director of the Criminal Investigation Department and the officer in charge as respondents.

Russia confronts UK yacht

► Russia said one of its warships fired warning shots Tuesday at a yacht making a “dangerous approach” in the Channel, as the UK said it was investigating the incident, AFP reports from London.

It involved the frigate Admiral Grigorovich and a UK-registered yacht around 20 nautical miles south of the Isle of Wight just outside British waters, a UK defence source told AFP.

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Karnataka Tourism Infrastructure Limited, Bangalore Invited the Respective Tenders for Development of Karnataka Tourism at (Karnataka public procurement portal) <https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in>. The details of the Tender & Calendar of Events are available at <https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in>. Portal.

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1.	Development of Lakkundi and Dambal tourist destinations in Gadag district	KTIL/2026-27/BD/WORK_INDENT46,
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Tender Details are available for download in KPP Portal (<https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in>). Postponement of Calendar of events (if any), subsequent notification, changes, amendments and selection/ rejection of proposal shall be intimated only through Karnataka public procurement portal and will not be published in newspapers. KTIL reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders received without assigning any reasons thereof.

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Executive Engineer and Tender Inviting Authority,
Karnataka Tourism Infrastructure Limited

DIPRI/CP/1183/NR/2026-27

Biz Bytes



Amit Nanda becomes new bigbasket CEO

NEW DELHI, PTI: Tata-owned bigbasket has announced the appointment of former Amazon executive Amit Nanda as its new CEO.

Nanda succeeds co-founder Hari Menon, who will step down from the top executive role to become a mentor. Both Menon and co-founder Vipul Parekh will continue to serve on the company's Board, bigbasket said.

Earlier, Nanda served as Director of Selling Partner Services at Amazon India and oversaw the third-party marketplace ecosystem.

Unilever inks GenAI pact with Accenture

BENGALURU, DHNS: Accenture has expanded its partnership with Unilever to simplify its digital core and apply GenAI to drive efficiencies and improved business agility. Unilever will work with Accenture to establish the foundation on which to set a new industry standard in GenAI-powered productivity. This includes scaling use cases that have shown to be effective in delivering cost reductions and operational efficiencies across the business globally. Unilever will look to leverage Accenture's GenWizard platform to accelerate their tech and digital product development.

CanBank's new FCNR(B) deposit scheme

BENGALURU, DHNS: Canara Bank on Tuesday launched a new Foreign Currency Non-Resident (Bank) [FCNR(B)] Special Deposit Scheme for NRIs, offering interest rates of up to 6.50% p.a. on US dollar deposits.

The scheme follows recent measures announced by the RBI to encourage foreign currency inflows into the country.

Under the scheme, customers can place deposits in US dollar, British pound sterling, euro, Canadian dollar and Australian dollar. The deposit tenure ranges from 3-5 years and carries a 1-year lock-in period. The revised rates came into effect from June 11.



Speedioo raises Rs 10 cr from Atomic Capital

BENGALURU, DHNS: Consumer-tech platform Speedioo has raised Rs 10 crore in a seed round led by Atomic Capital. The funding will be used towards building its AI-native technology stack, expanding distribution across key demand centres in India, deepening its partnerships with OEMs as a key growth driver and scaling its dealer partner and retail network.

As a part of its expansion strategy, Speedioo also plans to grow its retail footprint across cities through a scalable franchise model.

The company plans to integrate its value-chain end-to-end with the AI-enabled platform to transform core processes, including procurement, price discovery, vehicle assessment and selling price. Speedioo aims to expand its distribution network into the top 3-4 cities.

‘Oil prices to ease, but pre-war levels could take months’

Analysts say reopening of Gulf shipping routes to benefit India

NEW DELHI, PTI

Crude oil and LNG prices are expected to moderate following signs of a potential US-Iran peace agreement and the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz, although analysts cautioned that supply disruptions, damaged infrastructure and tight inventories could keep energy markets volatile for months.

The prospect of normalised shipping through the strait has already triggered a sharp decline in geopolitical risk premiums, helping Brent crude retreat about 20% from recent highs, while LNG benchmark prices have also softened.

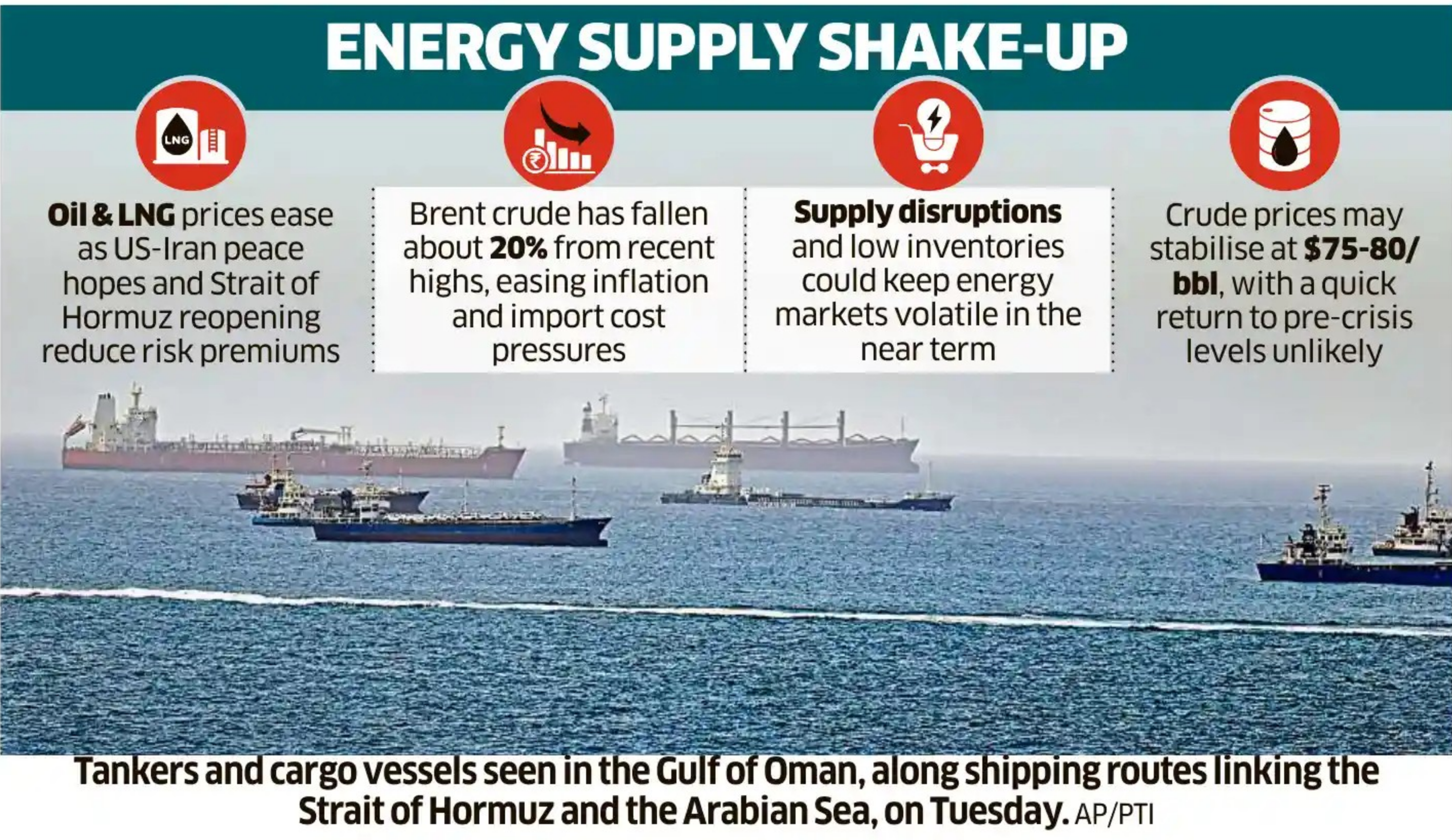
“The potential reopening of Hormuz, amid signs of de-escalation in the conflict, has triggered a sharp decline in geopolitical risk premiums in energy markets,” said Sehul Bhatt, Director, Crisil Intelligence.

Bhatt said the decline in crude prices, coupled with recent increases in domestic fuel prices and reductions in excise duties, had largely offset under-recoveries on automobile fuels, easing pressure on petrol and diesel marketing margins.

“The cumulative under-recovery on petrol, diesel and LPG during March-May 2026 is estimated at approximately Rs 1 lakh crore. If the Indian crude basket remains below \$90 per barrel, under-recoveries are unlikely to increase materially from current levels,” he said.

Lower crude prices would also help reduce inflationary pressures, and India's energy import bill, Bhatt added. “While the risk of prolonged supply disruption has eased, it may take several weeks or months for crude oil and LNG markets to fully normalise,” he said.

Prashant Vasisht, Senior VP and Co-Group Head, Corporate Ratings at ICRA Ltd, said a US-Iran agreement would ease crude and gas prices, but a return to pre-conflict levels could take significantly longer.



Tankers and cargo vessels seen in the Gulf of Oman, along shipping routes linking the Strait of Hormuz and the Arabian Sea, on Tuesday. AP/PTI

“Crude prices could take six months to a year to normalise to pre-war levels, given that almost 10-11 million bpd of production has been shut in West Asia, besides which some facilities have suffered damage,” he said.

He added that the removal of sanctions on Iranian crude would be beneficial for India because of geographical proximity and historically favourable credit terms offered by Tehran.

Analysts at Equirus Securities said the market reaction so far reflected a reversal of geopolitical fears rather than a fundamental shift in supply-demand dynamics.

“Brent fell to around \$82-84 per barrel immediately post-deal announcement as markets unwound the geopolitical risk premium,” said Maulik Patel, Head of Research at Equirus Securities.

Patel said sharply lower global inventories and cumulative supply disruptions meant oil was unlikely to revisit pre-crisis levels near \$65 per barrel. Equirus expects crude to stabilise in the \$75-80 per barrel range in the near term, with a return to the \$60-70 range appearing unlikely even if Hormuz fully reopens later this year.

The brokerage also identified China as a key variable for global oil prices.

Spot LNG prices, currently around \$17-18 per million British thermal units, are expected to decline gradually, but are unlikely to return to pre-crisis levels of \$10-11 per mmmBtu during 2026, according to Equirus.

For India, the reopening of Gulf shipping routes is expected to improve crude supplies and reduce freight costs. However, analysts said full normalisation of trade flows would take time as insurers regain confidence and damaged infrastructure is repaired.

Karnataka explores biotech finance framework, AI-led growth

BENGALURU, DHNS: Karnataka is exploring a dedicated financing and support framework for biotechnology enterprises as it looks to expand biomanufacturing capacity and accelerate the use of AI across the sector. The Karnataka Government discussed these measures at the 64th meeting of the Vision Group on Biotechnology (VGBT) on Tuesday.

The meeting, chaired by Dr Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, Executive Chairperson and Founder of Biocon Ltd, reviewed Karnataka's biotechnology ecosystem and outlined priorities to support innovation, commercialisation, manufacturing, talent development and investment.

Members highlighted the increasing convergence of AI, quantum technologies and life sciences. They discussed expanding AI adoption in research, diagnostics, drug discovery, genomics, precision medicine and healthcare.

“Karnataka has built one of India's strongest biotechnology ecosystems, supported by world-class research institutions, industry leadership and a vibrant startup community,” Mazumdar-Shaw said.

“As we enter the next phase of growth, we must strengthen mechanisms that support translational research, commercialisation and scale-up,” she added.

She said biotechnology startups require “patient capital, strong industry partnerships and long-term support”, and called for dedicated investment mechanisms for the sector.

A key focus of the meeting was the creation of a state-level framework to support biotechnology enterprises through funding, mentoring, regulatory guidance and commercialisation support.

Members also discussed building a dedicated biotechnology support mechanism modelled on national innovation initiatives and improving access to growth capital through engagement with venture capital firms, industry stakeholders and strategic investors.

The Vision Group identified several focus areas for the coming year, including AI-enabled biotechnology, expansion of bio-manufacturing capabilities, financing support, regulatory pathways, marine biotechnology and workforce development.

Dr N Manjula, Secretary, Department of Electronics, IT, BT and Science & Technology, said the government remained focused on strengthening the biotechnology value-chain.

“Our focus is on creating an enabling ecosystem that supports innovation, attracts investment and develops a future-ready workforce,” she said.

The group also discussed using Bengaluru Tech Summit 2026 as a platform to connect biotechnology startups with investors and attract domestic and global investment.



Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw

Wipro launches Applied AI CoE for Claude models

BENGALURU, DHNS

This marks a fundamental shift in how we deliver, and advances our strategy of being consulting-led and AI-powered. By combining the power of Claude models with our deep domain and enterprise expertise, we are driving measurable business outcomes for our clients.

Srin Pallia, CEO & MD, Wipro Limited

scaling AI adoption across Wipro's own finance, HR, and sales functions as part of its internal transformation.

The company also plans to certify 10,000 Front-Line Delivery Experts on Claude models over the next 18 months.

“Wipro is strengthening its enterprise AI leadership with the Applied AI Centre of Excellence for Claude models, powered by Anthropic,” said Srin Pallia, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, Wipro Limited. “This marks a fundamental shift in how we deliver, and advances our strategy of being consulting-led and AI-powered. By combining the power of Claude models with our deep domain and enterprise expertise, we are driving measurable business outcomes for our clients. Embedding Forward Deployed Engineers (FDEs) within client environments, alongside integrating AI across our own operations, enables us to accelerate enterprise-scale adoption with a clear focus on business value,” he added.

Wipro has been building a global talent pool of FDEs trained on Claude models, with a deep understanding of model behaviour and real-world application. These engineers operate within client environments, combining knowledge of business processes and technology landscapes with hands-on model expertise. The objective is to accelerate AI integration into workflows and deliver clear and measurable outcomes, Wipro said in a statement.

India's exports jump to record high of \$45.20 billion in May

NEW DELHI, DHNS: India's trade deficit declined marginally to \$28.21 billion in May, as higher realisation from refined petroleum exports helped offset the elevated energy import bill amid disruption in supply chain due to the West Asia conflict, official data showed.

Merchandise exports surged to a record high of \$45.20 billion in May, registering a growth of 18% over the same month last year.

The robust outbound shipment number was driven by strong petroleum and engineering goods exports and a recovery in shipments to West Asia. Merchandise imports also surged 20.6% to a seven-month high of \$73.40 billion in May, primarily due to higher crude imports.

India's trade deficit declined marginally to \$28.21 billion in May from \$28.38 billion recorded the previous month, data from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry showed.

“The export numbers in May are one of the highest monthly trade performances, despite geopolitical uncertainties,” said Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agrawal.



23 firms launch public issues of Rs 27,000 cr in 2026

236 proposals remain in pipeline

NEW DELHI, PTI

After a strong run in 2025, India's primary market witnessed a slowdown with 23 companies tapping the IPO route to mobilise over Rs 27,000 crore in 2026 so far, amid heightened volatility and macro uncertainty, according to a report released by Equirus Capital on Tuesday.

This came following a launch of 103 maiden public issues in 2025, together raising Rs 1.76 lakh crore. This fundraising figure far exceeded the Rs 1.6 lakh crore raised by 90 firms in 2024 and the Rs 49,436 crore garnered by 57 companies in 2023.

However, the IPO activity is showing signs of a major pickup as geopolitical tension eased with insurtech firm Turtlemint Fintech Solutions and Advit Jewels slated to launch their public issues this month.

Further, Waterways Leisure Tourism Ltd, the operator of Cordelia Cruises, is also expected to come out with its maiden public offering this month.

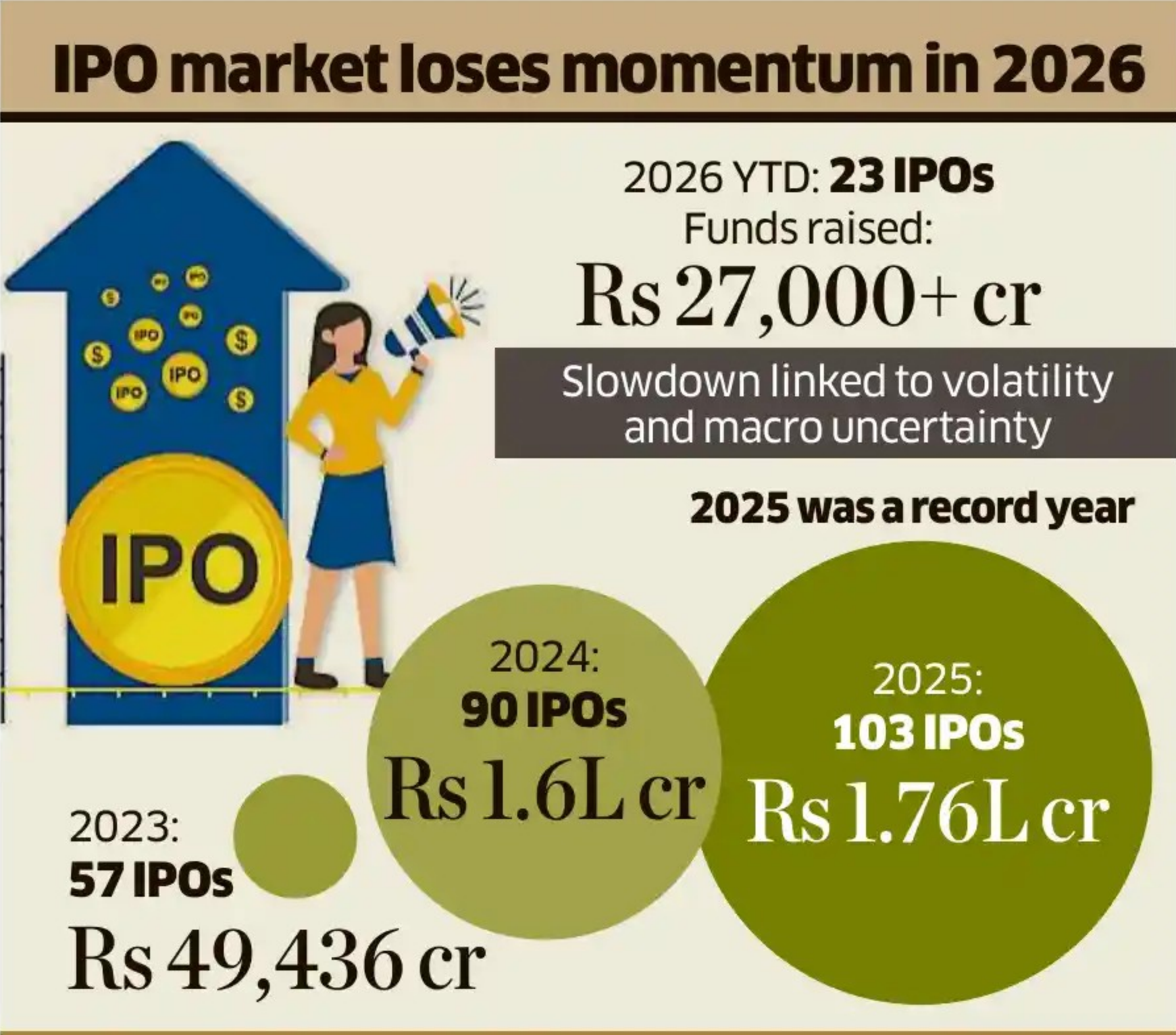
The public issues of insurtech firm Turtlemint Fintech Solutions and Advit Jewels are scheduled to open on June 19 and June 23, respectively.

Additionally, the country's largest stock exchange NSE is expected to file its preliminary papers with Sebi this week.

Further, quick commerce unicorn Zepto and the largest fund house SBI Mutual Funds plan to launch their public issues next month, people aware of the matter said.

In June, CMR Green Technologies and Hexagon Nutrition have already floated their IPOs.

Moreover, the pipeline remains robust and as of May 2026, with 236 mainboard IPO draft papers were in the pipeline, including 163 with valid Sebi's observations and 73 awaiting regulatory observations, according to Equirus Capital report.



TCS to take \$70-million hit after US Supreme Court rejects appeal

BENGALURU, DHNS: TCS will make a provision of an additional \$70 million after the US Supreme Court rejected its appeal in a trade secrets case.

“The company has already provided \$150 million in relation to this matter in the books of accounts in accordance with applicable accounting standards and will make necessary provision now for the incremental amount of \$70 million towards damages, interest and legal cost, as a one-time exceptional expense, in Q1 FY2027,” TCS said in a filing. The US SC has denied TCS' petition to review a lower court ruling in a lawsuit filed by Computer Sciences Corporation/DXC Technology Company.

Earlier, TCS had faced a legal setback when the Fifth Circuit upheld a \$194.2 million damages award and ruled in favour of Computer Sciences Corporation in the trade secrets dispute, which had been contested for several years.

Recently, TCS Chairman N Chandrasekaran predicted that over the next three years, the company will have as many AI agents as human employees.

TRANSFORMATION

‘Tata Motors PV confident of industry-leading growth in FY27’

NEW DELHI, PTI

Notwithstanding macro-economic and geopolitical uncertainties, Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles is confident of delivering industry-leading growth in FY27, supported by a robust pipeline of new launches and multi-powertrain offerings, according to its Chairman, N Chandrasekaran.

Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles (TMPV) and its British arm Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) will continue to collaborate on manufacturing, technology and people, enhancing scale efficiencies, accelerating learning and reinforcing capital discipline, Chandrasekaran said in his letter to shareholders in the company's annual report for 2025-26.

Looking ahead, he said, “We enter FY27 with confidence, supported by a robust pipeline of new launches and multi-powertrain offerings. Our focus will remain on delivering industry-leading growth, deepening our commitment to safety, sustainability, quality and customer delight, while becoming resilient and staying agile amid macroeconomic and geopolitical uncertainties.”

On synergies among group firms, he said TMPV and JLR “will continue to collaborate on manufacturing, technology and people, enhancing scale efficiencies, accelerating learning and reinforcing capital discipline.”

Early progress is evident with the commencement of operations at the new Panapakkam facility in Tamil Nadu, which creates a



N Chandrasekaran

shared manufacturing facility for best-practice execution and scale benefits, Chandrasekaran noted.

The company will continue to focus on building distinctive, trusted and aspirational brands that connect meaningfully with

customers, he added.

For JLR, which had a challenging year in FY26 due to “a confluence of internal and external disruption”, Chandrasekaran said, “This is embodied in its House of Brands strategy, creating sharply differentiated luxury brands with clear identities, purpose and desirability.”

JLR will additionally focus on reducing its breakeven levels, which have been impacted by tariffs, currency and commodities inflation, “back to 3 lakh units in the next two years, whilst remaining focused on delivering exceptional launches of its New Range Rover Electric, Jaguar Type 01 and continuing to build its Modern Luxury franchise”, he added.

Chandrasekaran pointed out that rapid global advances in digital technologies and AI are transforming how mobility products are designed, experienced and supported.

“At the same time, the transition to clean energy, heightened expectations on safety, and the reconfiguration of global supply chains are redefining competitiveness. Geopolitical and uneven economic recovery are adding further complexity, making agility and resilience critical capabilities,” he added.

Noting that India's mobility transition is being shaped by aspiration, infrastructure and evolving consumer expectations, he said, “The sustained demand supports the ICE portfolio and the continued momentum in EVs reflects growing customer confidence in new technologies, underscor-

ing the strength of a balanced, multi-powertrain strategy of your company (TMPV).”

Chandrasekaran further said TMPV remains a clear market leader in electric vehicles, surpassing the cumulative milestone of 2.5 lakh EVs and “commanding a dominant two-thirds share of all EVs sold in India till date.”

In fiscal 2026, the company sold over 92,000 EVs, marking a 43.4% growth over the previous year, he noted.

With electrification at the core of sustainability, he said, “We are committed to being Net Zero by 2040. Your company will continue to invest in products, platforms and ecosystems for accessible and scalable zero emission mobility solutions, while continuing to improve conventional powertrains.”

Vani leads strong field at BGC

BENGALURU, DHNS: Anvitha Narendar will skip the eighth leg of the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour at the Bangalore Golf Club here.

The 57-player field, however, will feature the 2025 Hero Order of Merit winner Vani Kapoor, the experienced Tvesa Malik, Ridhima Dilawari, Amandeep Drall, Neha Tripathi, Vidhatri Urs and Seher Atwal.

Vani will start as a strong favourite but a whole bunch of younger players will pose a big threat.

The next-gen of players like Mannat Brar, Heena Kang and Jahanvi Bakshi will hope to spoil her party.

Two of India's most promising amateurs, Zara Anand and Mahreen Bhatia, are also among the dozen playing this week.

Last week saw Anvitha edge aside Vani in the second play-off hole, while young amateur Ananyaa Sood performed very well in the early stages, as did Riya Jadon who finished third.

With a bunch of Indian women professionals also featuring on the Ladies European Tour and the LET Access Tour, the bench strength in women's golf has improved manifold.

Vani Kapoor. DH FILE PHOTO



Karnataka women's 4x100m freestyle relay team poses with its spoils at the National Aquatics Championships in Ahmedabad on Tuesday. From left: Dhinidhi Desinghu, Rujula S, Tanishi Gupta and Nina Venkatesh.

Karnataka girls smash record

State's Lineysha, Akash clinch gold medals on opening day

BENGALURU, DHNS

Karnataka women's 4x100m freestyle relay team grabbed the lime-light on the opening day of the National Aquatics Championships in Ahmedabad as the quartet of Nina Venkatesh, Tanishi Gupta, Rujula Sand Dhinidhi Desinghu went past the previous record by more than eight seconds.

The strong line-up clocked 3:53.45 while leaving the RSPB's two-year-old record of 4:01.83.

Nina and team put a daylight gap between them and the rest of the pack as Bengal were a distant second at 4:01.99.

Teen swimmers Lineysha AK and Akash Mani bagged gold medals in their respective events to add further gold medals to Karnataka's tally.

19-year-old Lineysha won the women's 50m backstroke with a timing of 33.51 while her state-mate S Lakshya took the bronze at 33.84.

Akash (19) fought it out against Tamil Nadu's Benedicton Rohit to clinch the men's 100m freestyle gold at 50.40. Maharashtra's Heer Shah took the bronze at 51.06.

Another Karnataka swimmer Shoaan Ganguly lost his men's 200m medley crown and national record to SSCB's Vinayak Vijay. The 20-year-old BAC swimmer settled for silver at 2:04.13 while Vinayak fractionally improved the record at 2:04.17.

The bronze medal was grabbed by Tamil Nadu's Siva Sridhar, who clocked 2:07.77 seconds.

Karnataka bagged a fifth medal on the day as Sri Charani Tumu took the women's 1500m freestyle bronze at 17:49.09 while Maharashtra's Aditi Hegde (17:20.82) smashed Bhavya Sachdeva's last year national record by almost 15 seconds

India's equestrian squad for Asiad named

NEW DELHI, PTI

The Indian squads for three equestrian disciplines were announced here on Tuesday by the ad-hot committee for the governance of the Equestrian Federation of India, ahead of the Asian Games.

The Asian Games will be held in Aichi-Nagoya prefecture in Japan from September 19 to October 4, with Three Day Eventing, Dressage and Show Jumping. "The Athletes (Horse/Rider combinations) have been selected based on the recommendations of the respective selection committees after going through the results posted by the probables and as per the selection criteria for the Asian Games 2026.

Squads: Dressage: Shruti Vora (in pic) (Magnanimous), Gaurav Pundir (Milli), Jai Sud (Goofy La Perla), Hirday Chheda (Dono Di Maggio).
Reserves: Anush Agarwalla (Straight Horse Floriana), Sudipti Hajela (Biden).
Three Day Event: Ashish Limaye (Willby Be Dun), Ahaan Kumar (Bolivar Gio Granno), Arjan Nagra (Cooley Goodwood).
Fouad Mirza (Camouflage 38).
Reserves: Pradeep Kumar (Lux Like Cruise), Ashish Limaye (Easy Turn), Shashank Singh Kataria (HB Zara).
Show Jumping: Maryk Sahney (Gold Run), Abhishek Chopra (Cest Lui Des Rosiers), Yashan Zubin Khambatta (Inca's Big Think), Niharika Singhania (First to Cash Out).
Reserves: Maryk Sahney (Cashtender), Ashray Butta (Chakira Z).

Salima Tete. FILE PHOTO

India secure semifinal berth with 2-1 win over Japan

AUCKLAND, PTI: The Indian women's hockey team booked its place in the semifinals of the FIH Nations Cup after defeating Japan 2-1, with goals from captain Salima Tete and Lalremsiami proving decisive here on Tuesday.

This was India's second win of the tournament, which serves as a qualifying event for next year's FIH Pro League. The victory took their tally to six points, securing a place in the last four.

India opened the scoring in the third quarter, with Salima Tete finding the net in the 33rd minute after the forwards had made several unsuccessful attempts.

Japan responded quickly, drawing level just two minutes later through Ai Himaritsui.

However, Lalremsiami struck the decisive goal in the 49th minute as India withstood a late Japanese surge to secure the victory.

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1	Name of work	Horizontal Extension of Rendezvous Simulation Lab at ISITE Campus, URSC, Marathahalli, Bengaluru (Civil, Electrical, Airconditioning and other allied works)
2	E-Tender Notice	URSC/C&MG/C/12/2025-26 Dt. 16/03/2026
3	Estimated cost put to Tender	₹ 224.23 Lakhs
4	Period during which the tender document can be downloaded	Extended upto 16.30 hrs on 28/06/2026
5	Last date and time for receipt of tenders	Up to 14.30 hrs on 06/07/2026
6	Due date and time of opening of tenders	After 14.31 hrs on 06/07/2026

Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (NIET) for eligibility criteria and other details along with Hindi version in website: www.isro.gov.in and download the tender documents from www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO.

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SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION
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KSIC invites proposal from reputed **Public Sector Banks, Regional Rural Banks and Private Scheduled Commercial Banks** to quote competitive rate of interest for investment of KSIC Company's surplus fund in Fixed Deposit through e-portal website : <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> Pre-Bid meeting to be held on **19.06.2026 at 11.00 a.m.** Last date and time for uploading the tender with EMD through e-procurement is on **29.06.2026 upto 3.00 p.m.** The Technical bids will be opened on **30.06.2026 at 11.00 a.m.** Place of Opening of e-Auction : KSIC Limited, Head Office, 3rd and 4th Floor, Public Utility Building M.G. Road, Bangalore - 560 001. Further details can be had from the office of the undersigned during working hours either personally or on Cell No. 9900503010 or e-procurement help desk : 080-46010000, 080-22631200.

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E-Tender Notification

Tenders are invited from eligible contractors registered with the Public Works Department under the Standard Tendering Document KW-04 in KPPP portal (<https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>) for the following work

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1	APMC/2026-27/OW/WORK_INDENT972	11,72,15,188-00

Date of pre-bid meeting & tender dispute settlement is: **01-07-2026, at 11.00 AM**, Last date for submission of tender is : **17-07-2026 up to 05.00 PM**, Date of opening of technical bid is : **20-07-2026 at 11.00 AM** and if possible financial bid will be opened on date: **22-07-2026 at 11.00 AM** Tender terms and conditions or more information can be obtained from the office during office working hours except on public holidays or on the <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> website. 18% GST will be charged separately for the above works. The committee reserves the right to accept or reject the tender.

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BENGALURU NORTH UNIVERSITY
Sri Devaraj Urs Extension, Tamaka, Kolar-563 103. E-Mail: bnuregevl@karnataka.gov.in
web: www.bnu.karnataka.gov.in
Date:15.06.2026

E-tender Notification

The Registrar (Evl), Bengaluru North University, Tamaka, Kolar invites Bids from the eligible and reputed firms for the various Tenders listed below as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurements (KTPP) Act, the Tenderers who have registered under E-Governance, Department of Karnataka may participate through from the kppp portal and download the tender document on the website <http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> from **12.06.2026**

(1) Supply of Gold Medals to Examination Section, Bengaluru North University, Tamaka, Kolar - **Tender no: BNU/2026-27 IND0068** **(2) Procurement of Kora Cloths Bags** to Examination Section Bengaluru North University, Tamaka, Kolar- **Tender no: BNU/2026-27 IND0069**

Sd/- REGISTRAR (Evl)
Bengaluru North University, Kolar
DIPR/Kolar/R.O.No:121/KSMCA/2026-27

Monterio for main event

MYSURE SELECTIONS

Pradeep Annaiah-trained Monterio, to be ridden by K Sai Kiran, will be the favourite to win the Dr N M Srinivas Memorial Trophy, the feature event of the races on Wednesday. First race starts at 1.30 pm.

1. The Kaginele Plate - 1400M: City Of Hustle 1, Peter's Choice 2, Cool Water 3.

2. The Somwarpet Plate (Div-II) - 1100M: Elsa 1, Amazing Sultan 2, Adenia 3.

3. The Takshashila Plate - 1600M: D Roman Power 1, Tigerking 2, Natural Diamond 3.

4. The Somwarpet Plate (Div-I) - 1100M: Mr Karnataka 1, Sparkling Night 2, Sunway Lagoon 3.

5. The Loyal Prince Plate (Div-II) - 1200M: Duffy 1, Saint Emilion 2, Phanteras 3.

6. The Dr N.M.Srinivas Memorial Trophy - 1400M: Monterio 1, King's Battalion 2, Heroism 3.

7. The Loyal Prince Plate (Div-I) - 1200M: Sharpa 1, Seelfor Bullet 2, Ultimate Blues 3.

8. The Sutele Plate - 1600M: Aurele 1, Seeking Alpha 2, Prince Corporate 3.

Day's Best: Elsa. **Jackpot:** 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8. **Mini Jackpot:** 5, 6, 7 & 8. **Treble I:** 1, 2 & 3. **Treble II:** 3, 4 & 5. **Treble III:** 6, 7 & 8.

Note: (There will be no off-course betting in Bengaluru on Wednesday).

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಮಹಾವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯ ಮತ್ತು ಸಂಶೋಧನಾ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ, ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ
KMCRI/CV(1)A:70/2026-27 **Dated 16.06.2026**

ಪತ್ರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಮಹಾವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯ ಮತ್ತು ಸಂಶೋಧನಾ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ ಇಲ್ಲಿನ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರ ಹುದ್ದೆಯ ನೇಮಕಾತಿಗಾಗಿ ಅರ್ಹ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಂದ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. (ಅಭಿಸೂಚನೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ **KMCRI/CV(1)A:70/2026-27 Dated 16.06.2026**) ಅರ್ಹ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳು, ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಕೆ.ಎಂ.ಸಿ.ಆರ್.ಐ. ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ ಇವರ ಹೆಸರನ್ನಲ್ಲಿ ರೂ.5000/-ಗಳ ಡಿಡಿನ್ನು (ಹಿಂದಿರುಗಿಸಲಾಗದಿರುವ) ಅಗತ್ಯ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ನಿಗದಿತ ಅರ್ಜಿಯನ್ನು ಮುಖ್ಯ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ, ಕೆ.ಎಂ.ಸಿ.ಆರ್.ಐ. ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ ಇವರಿಗೆ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಅಂಚೆ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಸ್ವೀಕೃತ ದಾಖಲೆ ಪತ್ರದೊಂದಿಗೆ ಅಥವಾ ಖುದ್ದಾಗಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ 30-06-2026ರ ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಯ ಒಳಗೆ ತಲುಪಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.

ನಿಗದಿತ ಅರ್ಜಿ ನಮೂನೆಯನ್ನು ಹಾಗೂ ಇತರ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ <https://www.kmcrihubballi.karnataka.gov.in> ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/- (ಮುಖ್ಯ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ)
ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಮಹಾವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯ ಮತ್ತು ಸಂಶೋಧನಾ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ, ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(THROUGH KARNATAKA PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

KPTCL invites following procurement of Materials & Services tenders.

(I) No: CEE/Tr(Op)/Z/BGKT/SEE(O)/AEE-7/2026-27/5291-97 **Date:16.06.2026**

(1) Tender No. KPTCL/2025-26/IND0289/Call-2 for **Supply and installation of Furniture.**

(2) Tender No.KPTCL/2026-27/IND0310 for **Design, Manufacture, Testing and Supply, installation and commissioning of each cell 24 No's of each 2V le 48V, 200AH lead acid, Plante type to PLCC equipment, Battery sets under Buy Back Scheme for Operations Division, coming under Transmission Operations Zone, KPTCL, Bagalakote conforming to Technical Specifications. F.O.R.D at Store/Site basis, including insurance, transportation and unloading.**

(3) Tender No. KPTCL/2026-27/IND0311 for **Design, Manufacture, Testing and Supply of 110V DC, 200AH Plante type Battery sets under Buy Back Scheme at 110KV Girisagar S/S and 110KV Hungund S/S under Operations Division KPTCL, Bagalakote conforming to Technical Specifications. F.O.R.D at Store/Site basis, including insurance, transportation and unloading.**

Availability of bid documents in KPP Portal on or after 17.06.2026, 4.30 pm. Last date for receipt of tender is: **02.07.2026 up to 4.30 pm.**

(II) No: CEE/Tr(Op)/Z/BGKT/SEE(O)/AEE-3/2026-27/5284-88 **Date:15.06.2026**

(1) KPTCL/CEE/TZ(O)/BGKT/2026-27/SERVICE/VEHICLES/PACKAGE-1 Tender No. KPTCL/2026-27/SE 2385 for Providing 1 (One) Tempo Traveler vehicle with Driver for daily maintenance & breakdown works by carrying both men and materials as & when required at Savadatti TLM section in Operations Division, Belagavi on Hire basis. Quantity: 1 No.

(2) KPTCL/CEE/BGKT/OTZ/2025-26/SERVICE-VEHICLES/PACKAGE-3 Tender No.KPTCL/2025-26/ SE2346/CALL-2 for Providing 1 (One) Mini Lorry/407 model vehicle with Driver for daily maintenance & breakdown works by carrying both men and materials as & when required at various TLM sections in Operations Division, KPTCL, Hubballi on hire basis. Quantity: 1 No.

(3)KPTCL/CEE/TZ(O)/BGKT/2026-27/SERVICE/ATTENDERS/PKG-1 TenderNo.KPTCL/2026-27/ SE2388 for Providing manpower Services of Office Attenders & Store Helpers through outsource agencies in the jurisdiction of Operations Transmission Zone, KPTCL, Bagalakote for One year on Contract Basis. Quantity: 18 No's.

(4) KPTCL/CEE/TZ(O)/BGKT/2026-27/SERVICE/RT-MT-STAFF/PKG-1 Tender No. KPTCL/2026-27/ SE2386 for Providing manpower Services of maintenance staff (Semi skilled/Unskilled) for daily maintenance works at RT sub-divisions through outsource agencies in the jurisdiction of Operations Transmission Zone, KPTCL, Bagalakote for One year on Contract Basis. Quantity: 6 No's.

Availability of bid documents in KPP Portal on or after 17.06.2026, 4.00 pm. Last date for receipt of tender is: **16.07.2026 up to 5.30 pm.**

The tender will be received through "KPP Portal" only. The detailed notification regarding subject enquiry in the e-Procurement Portal can be obtained by logging on to <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> Further details can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (Electy.), Transmission (Operations) Zone, KPTCL, Opp.Sector No.45, Navanagara, Bagalakote.

KARNATAKA STATE MINERALS CORPORATION LTD.
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Regd. Office: 'A' Block, 5th Floor, T.T.M.C Building, B.M.T.C, K.H Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-560 027.
Phone: 080-22278813/14/15/16, Fax: 080-22213172, Website:www.ksmc.karnataka.gov.in

Tender No:KSMCL/2026-27/SE0064/Call-3

E-TENDER FOR SELECTION OF SALE CONTRACTOR

Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Limited (KSMCL) has called e-Tender to select Agency for Sale Contract of Doddamudavadi Granite Quarry, Bengaluru South District through e-Procurement Portal.

Interested parties may download Tender documents from e-procurement portal, GOK Website <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>. For any support, interested persons may contact Mobile No: **9448510684 & 9620558595 / 8073422957.** **Sd/-** **General Manager (MKT)**
DIPR/CP/1185/CCL/2026-27

VISVESVARAYA TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY
"Jnana Sangama", Belagavi - 590 018, Karnataka State.

No.: V.T.U./BGM/S.A.P/CW1/T-754/2026-27/1221 **Date: 16-06-2026**

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Registrar, V.T.U., Belagavi, invites (Two Cover Systems) E-tenders for the following work through e-procurement tendering mode. **Name of Work :** Tender for Supply of Colconour Inkjet Printers to VTU Examination Section, Belagavi. Amount put to Tender : Rs. 79,82,936/- EMD : Rs. 1,60,000/-. Last Date for Receipt of Tender : 30-06-2026 upto 2.30 p.m. Date of Opening of tender: 01-07-2026 at 4.00 p.m. The details regarding participation in the E-trending can be accessed by logging to our VTU Website : www.vtu.ac.in and E-procurement Portal Website : www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in.

Sd/- Registrar,
V.T.U., Belagavi,

DIPR/Belagavi/438/Manipal/2026-27

Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited
(A wholly owned Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
(CIN: U04010KA2002SGC030438)

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP portal only)

BESCOM invites tinvties tender for Supply of 11 KV Structural Materials (GI) as per tender specification through KPP Portal: **Details as follows:**

Sl.No.	Indent No.	Tender
1	BESCOM/2026-27/IND0265	Double Pole TC set for 25/63/ 100 kVA GI -
2	BESCOM/2026-27/IND0266	Supply of 11KV H-Frames
3	BESCOM/2026-27/IND0267	DP set 2 pole structure kit for RCC/PSCC Poles – GI

Bid Documents available on or after: 17.06.2026. Last date for submission of Bids: **16.07.2026,17:00Hrs.** Opening of Bid Document: **17.07.2026, 17:15Hrs**

The Tender documents can be obtained through KPP Portal <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> Aspiring bidders need to register on KPP portal. Further, bidders can take assistance with KPP helpdesk contact numbers **+91-8046010000, +91-8068948777** or email at support@eprocelpdesk.com.

Sd/-Chief General Manager(Elc.), Procurement, BESCOM, 2nd Floor, K.R.Circle, Bengaluru-560 001, Ph.No: 080-22354939.

For Electricity related complaints call: 1912
Download BESCOM Mithra Mobile APP

SHIVAMOGGA, DAVANAGERE & CHITRADURGA DISTRICT CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS SOCIETIES UNION LTD.,
MACHENAHALLI, NIDIGE (POST) – 577 222
Ph.: 08182-246161, 246162, 246163, e-mail: md_shimul@yahoo.com
IFT NO:SDCMUL-ENGGLAB.W:1674-2026-27 **Date: 16.06.2026**

TENDER NOTIFICATION (KPPP Portal Only)

Shivamogga, Davanagere & Chitradurga Dist. Co-Operative Milk Producer's Societies Union Ltd, Invites in two tender documents system i.e, Technical and Commercial system from the interested eligible bidders for the below nature of work.

Sl. No.	Description of Works	Estimated Amount In Rupees (Excluding GST)	EMD In Rupees	Period of completion
01	Supply, Erection And Execution Of Lab Furniture Along With Puff Wall Panel To The Existing Micro Biology Room In The New Packing Block Of Shivamogga Dairy, Shivamogga	Rs. 12,00,000/-	Rs. 30,000/-	60 Days

The tenders form may be downloaded from the <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>. The Detailed Tender Documents can be downloaded from the above portal from **16.06.2026 to 29.06.2026 up to 16.30 Hrs.** The duly filled bids along with necessary documents are to be submitted in portal on or before **30.06.2026 with in 16.30 Hrs.**

Further details may be obtained from Engineering section on all working days with in the office hours with Email: shimulengg@gmail.com

Sd/- Managing Director,
Shimul, Shivamogga.

ಬೆಲ್ಲಾ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್, ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ

ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್ಮೆಂಟ್ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 4/2026-27 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 10.06.2026

ಸ್ಟಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೆಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ- IV ರ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯದ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅಭಿನಿಯಮ2000ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಐಟಿಎಂಎಂ ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್ಮೆಂಟ್ ಧ್ವಿ-ಲೋಕೇಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ (Double Cover System) ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ವಿಭಾಗ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ 2025-26 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ CMIDP ಲೆಕ್ಕಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆಯಡಿ ಕೆಳಗೆ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಸೂಕ್ತ ರಜ್ಜೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಲೋಕೇಷಿಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಿರುವ ಅಧಿಕೃತ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್ಮೆಂಟ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಇಲಾಖಾ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> ಮೂಲಕ ಅರ್ಜಿಯನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೋರಲಾಗಿದೆ. (1) E-procurement ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಹಾಗೂ ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್-ಬಿ ಗಳನ್ನು ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ನೇಮಕ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 10.07.2026 ರ 16.30 ರವರೆಗೆ (2) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 13.07.2026 ರಂದು 16.35 ನಂತರ (3) ಅರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 14.07.2026 ರಂದು ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.30 ನಂತರ (4) ಅರ್ಜಿ ಶುಲ್ಕ (ಹಿಂದಿರುಗಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ): e- Procurement ನಿಯಮಾನುಸಾರ

ಕ್ರ ಸಂ	ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಹೆಸರು	ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ. ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)	ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ (ರೂ. ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)	ಕಾಲಮಿತಿ ಮಳಿಗಾಲ ಸೇರಿ
1	Improvements to road from Uchodanahalli village to Konapara approach road in Gauribidanur Taluk. (INDENT NO:RDPR/2026-27/RD/WORK_INDENT72284)	160.00	2400000.00	9 ತಿಂಗಳು
2	Improvements to road from Hosur Allipura main road to Kenkare approach road ,in Gauribidanur taluk, (INDENT NO:RDPR/2026-27/RD/WORK_INDENT72285	130.00	1950000.00	9 ತಿಂಗಳು
3	Improvements to road from A.C.C.factory to Basavanahalli approach road in Gauribidanur Taluk (INDENT NO:RDPR/2026-27/RD/WORK_INDENT72286)	200.00	300000.00	9 ತಿಂಗಳು
4	Improvements to road from Bommasihethihalli Village to Kurudi approach road in Gauribidanur Taluk, (INDENT NO:RDPR/2026-27/RD/WORK_INDENT72287)	170.00	2550000.00	9 ತಿಂಗಳು
	Total	660.00		

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಪಂ.ರಾ.ಇಂ. ವಿಭಾಗ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ
ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ/ಆರ್.ಓ.ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:104/ಕೆಎಸ್ಎಂಸಿಎ/2026-27



NZ's Sarpreet becomes first player of Indian origin to start WC game

NEW DELHI, PTI

New Zealand attacking midfielder Sarpreet Singh became the first footballer of Indian origin to start a FIFA World Cup match in his team's 2-2 draw against Iran in their group match in Los Angeles on Tuesday.

Born in Auckland to Punjabi parents, the 27-year-old Sarpreet made his World Cup debut in the politically-charged match and had a few attempts at the Iranian goal. He was named in the starting XI by head coach Darren Bazeley and played almost the whole match, substituted only in the 90th minute.

New Zealand coach Bazeley kept faith on Sarpreet till the end as Iran came back twice from a goal down to play out a 2-2 draw. Wearing No. 10 jersey, Sarpreet had three shots at the Iranian goal, including one in the 61st minute which, however, could not beat the Iran goalkeeper.

He operated in the middle of the park in New Zealand's 4-2-3-1 formation.

New Zealand face Egypt in their second Group G match on June 21 in Vancouver.

Two days back, Nishan Velupillay of Australia, another player of Indian descent, made his World Cup debut in his team's 2-0 win over Türkiye in Vancouver, Canada. The

25-year-old winger was not in the starting line-up and came in from the bench in the 60th minute.

Velupillay was born in Melbourne to an Anglo-Indian mother and a Malaysian father of Sri Lankan Tamil descent.

Before this edition of the FIFA World Cup jointly hosted by the USA, Canada and Mexico, Vikash Dhorasoo of France was the only player of Indian descent to have played a World Cup game. The midfielder, now 52 years old, played two group matches in the 2006 World Cup in Germany where France finished runners-up.

But Dhorasoo, whose forefathers had their roots in Vizianagaram in Andhra Pradesh, actually played just a few minutes combined in the two matches. He came in from the bench in the 84th minute in France's 0-0 draw against Switzerland on June 13, 2006. Five days later, Dhorasoo came in as a substitute in the 88th minute in the 1-1 draw against South Korea.

Sarpreet even played in India during the Intercontinental Cup in 2018 in Mumbai. He played against the likes of Sunil Chhetri after making his NZ debut earlier that year. He was part of an U-23 development side as New Zealand did not send the first team. Sarpreet scored against Kenya and provided both the assists in New Zealand's 2-1 win against India.



Emam Ashour (left) sets off for celebrations after scoring Egypt's goal in their 1-1 draw against Belgium at Seattle Stadium. REUTERS

Belgium, Egypt play out entertaining stalemate

Spoils shared in end-to-end Group G encounter

SEATTLE, AFP

Belgium and Egypt drew 1-1 in their World Cup opener on Monday after a second-half Belgian equaliser spoiled Mohamed Salah's 34th birthday.

Emam Ashour opened the scoring early in the first half in Seattle,

before Romelu Lukaku came off the bench after the hour to force Egypt's Mohamed Hany into an own goal.

With the draw, seven-time Africa Cup of Nations champions Egypt's wait for a first victory at a World Cup goes on.

This is their fourth participation in the global showpiece and with Group G fixtures to come against Iran and New Zealand, they will hope to break that hoodoo in North America.

For Belgium, this tournament is likely the last chance for the remnants of their golden generation to better their third-placed finish in

Russia eight years ago and finally win silverware.

Veterans Kevin De Bruyne, Thibaut Courtois and Lukaku are the main protagonists of that group still involved in Rudi Garcia's squad.

With all eyes in the Pacific Northwest on Salah and De Bruyne, it was the ex-Manchester City playmaker that created the first moment of note in the match when he dragged a sharp effort narrowly wide in the seventh minute.

However, it was Ashour who upstaged the pair just before the hydration break when he received the ball in a similar position to De

Bruyne but his sweetly-struck effort left Courtois no chance as it whistled into the bottom-right corner.

It was just the second time in their history that Egypt had taken the lead in a World Cup match -- after Salah opened the scoring in a 2-1 defeat to Saudi Arabia in 2018.

De Bruyne came within inches of levelling early in the second period when he whipped a close-range free-kick over the Egyptian wall, only to see it rocket off the outside of the post.

Salah responded at the other end as he ghosted into the box but had his downward header punched away by Courtois with Ashour getting his follow-up effort all wrong.

The match became stretched as both sides came close on a couple of occasions, including a screaming left-footed volley by Belgian captain Youri Tielemans.

With 65 minutes gone, Rudi Garcia decided to send on Lukaku.

The change immediately paid dividends as Belgium's all-time top goalscorer showed his predatory instincts to dash in on a Thomas Meunier cross, with his presence enough to destabilise Hany who put through his own net.

Salah departed the field with 15 minutes remaining as Egypt sought to shut up shop and ultimately held out for a point.



Maxi Araujo (centre) celebrates after scoring Uruguay's equaliser in their 1-1 draw to Saudi Arabia in Miami. AFP

Dogged Saudi frustrate dominant Uruguay

MIAMI, AFP

Uruguay dominated but had to settle for a 1-1 draw against Saudi Arabia in the sweltering heat of Miami on Monday to leave an intriguing Group H wide open.

The stalemate came hours after one of the biggest shocks in World Cup history when European champions Spain were held 0-0 by debutants Cape Verde in the same group.

After the first round of games in the pool all four teams have one point.

Defender Abdullelah al-Amri gave the Saudis a surprise lead near the end of the first half only for Uruguay's second-half pressure to pay off with 10 minutes left through Maxi Araujo.

Uruguay, World Cup winners in 1930 and 1950, saw their arrival in the United States from Mexico delayed by a snag with the paperwork for their plane.

Marcelo Bielsa's side though had the first chance of the game when

Araujo stung the palms of Saudi goalkeeper Mohammed al-Owais after five minutes.

In evening temperatures of more than 30C and energy-sapping humidity, both teams struggled to create much in front of goal early on.

Just after the half-hour mark the Saudi stopper was called into action again to parry away a diving header from close range by Federico Vinas.

The Saudis, who stunned eventual champions Argentina 2-1 to start their campaign at the Qatar 2022 World Cup, looked to hit their opponents on the break.

They had their first real opportunity shortly before half-time when Amri forced Fernando Muslera to palm away his fizzing shot.

Four minutes before the break the defender did score, reacting fastest to poke home from close range after Muslera spilled a header from a corner.

After a toothless first period, Bielsa

had seen enough, dragging off defender Matias Vina and anonymous former Liverpool striker Darwin Nunez.

Winger Agustín Canobbio and left-sided Juan Manuel Sanabria were introduced.

The double substitution sparked Uruguay -- who surprisingly did not play a single World Cup warm-up game -- into action in the second half.

Saudi coach Georgios Donis, brought in just two months before the tournament, saw his team retreat farther and farther back.

On the hour Manchester United midfielder Manuel Ugarte pinged the ball against the foot of the Saudi post from well outside the box.

Resilient Iran snatch a point in frenetic draw

LOS ANGELES, AFP

Iran twice battled back for a 2-2 draw with New Zealand on Monday in their frenetic opening match of a World Cup campaign that has been utterly overshadowed by war, politics and protests.

The Iranian team's very presence at the Los Angeles Stadium had long

felt uncertain, after months of military conflict between their nation and the United States.

At last able to focus on the football, the Iran players twice found themselves trailing to the tournament's lowest-ranked team, thanks to goals from New Zealand striker Elijah Just.

But with a vocally pro-Iran crowd drowning out planned protests by anti-government demonstrators, equalisers from Ramin Rezaeian and Mohammad Mohebi spared Team Melli any further blushes.

The Iran team have dealt with a gamut of obstacles before even arriving at this World Cup, from delayed and refused US visas, to moving their training camp to Mexico at the last minute.

Hundreds of protesters against Iran's ruling regime demonstrated outside the venue Monday, saying the team does not represent their people.

Many inside the stadium sported anti-government emblems, nonchalantly flouting FIFA rules against political messaging, and the Iran anthem received boos and cheers.

Mohammad Mohebi celebrates scoring Iran's equaliser in their 2-2 draw against New Zealand at Los Angeles Stadium. REUTERS



Sarpreet Singh

Cape Verde's Vozinha sheds tears of resilience

ATLANTA, AFP

Spain failed to find a way past inspired Cape Verde goalkeeper Vozinha as the 40-year-old secured a stunning 0-0 draw for the World Cup debutants and was reduced to tears at his heroics.

La Roja rolled into Atlanta as one of the pre-tournament favourites with coach Luis de la Fuente boasting that he has the best squad in the competition.

Yet a Spain side featuring a Ballon d'Or winner in Rodri, Fabian Ruiz, fresh from a second consecutive Champions League victory with Paris Saint-Germain, and packed with many of the squad that won Euro 2024 could not breach Cape Verde's defence.

Even the introduction of Barcelona superstar Lamine Yamal on his return from injury in the second half did not break the deadlock as Vozinha marshalled his backline to a clean sheet they will never forget.

"Very proud. For me it is an honour for me to represent my country," Vozinha told reporters.

"We are from a small country. Our qualification was very difficult in a group with Cameroon and Libya, but we knew if we followed the plan of the coach, we had a great chance to qualify.

"The dream came true. We competed against Spain, one of the best teams in the world. We are very happy and proud of all the players and people of Cape Verde."

Vozinha was only really tested in a short spell of Spanish pressure just before half-time. He turned over Mikel Oyarzabal's looping header and got down well to Ferran Torres' low shot before producing his best stop at full stretch from an Aymeric Laporte header.

His tears at full-time were provoked not only by the size of Cape Verde's achievement, but the fact he was not able to share the moment with his mother and grandparents.



Cape Verde's goalkeeper made multiple saves to hold favourites Spain goalless. AFP



TEAMS : 48 VENUES : 16 TOURNAMENT SPAN : 39 DAYS



Merlin: Mexico City regular turned World Cup mascot

Julian Quinones and Raul Jimenez may have scored the goals, but a duck stole the show, reports AP from Mexico.

As Mexico celebrated its World Cup-opening victory over South Africa on Thursday, Merlin, a 2-year-old duck dressed in the national team's colors, became an unlikely internet sensation and the tournament's first unofficial mascot. Images of Merlin parading through Mexico City, wearing a Mexican national team jersey as thousands of fans celebrated, quickly went viral.



Brazil's Douglas wary of Haiti

Brazil defender Douglas Santos said the five-time World Cup winners cannot afford to take Haiti lightly after a disappointing 1-1 draw with Morocco in their opener, reports AFP from Basking Ridge, USA.

Carlo Ancelotti's side toiled against Morocco and must beat Group C minnows Haiti on Friday.

"We can't allow ourselves that kind of talk that it's Haiti and we're going to beat them by a big margin," Douglas Santos said. "We have to keep our feet on the ground and know that the three points are important."

Leaked remarks on Son spark backlash

South Korea's preparations for Thursday's World Cup match against Mexico have been overshadowed by a rift between players and domestic media following disparaging comments about captain Son Heung-min that were caught on camera, reports AP from Guadalajara.

The incident occurred on June 7, days before South Korea's win over Czechia.

Son was mocked by unidentified media personnel over his military record in a footage. The leaked video, prompting a strong reaction.



Split loyalties for Iran fans at World Cup

Iran's World Cup campaign began in Los Angeles in a blaze of goals and controversy Monday, with hundreds protesting against a team they see as stooges for an extremist government in Tehran, reports AFP from Inglewood.

A boisterous protest greeted fans arriving at SoFi stadium in Los Angeles, with demonstrators waving the pre-revolutionary flag detested by the leaders of Iran.

"This team is not the Iranian people's team, it's the regime's team," said Ava Amin, a philosophy student who came to demonstrate with a banner calling for "regime change. When the people get murdered, they ignore it and stay silent," she said.



Ref cleared over racist gesture

FIFA on Monday cleared World Cup referee Shaun Evans of wrongdoing after the Australian official was accused of making a white supremacist hand gesture during a television broadcast, reports AFP from Los Angeles.

Evans was captured placing his index finger and thumb together with his right hand to form a circle during Germany's game with Curacao on Sunday.

Tunisia replace coach Lamouchi with Renard

Tunisia have responded to their 5-1 World Cup thrashing by Sweden by sacking coach Sabri Lamouchi and replacing him with Frenchman Herve Renard (in pic), the federation announced on Monday, reports AFP from Los Angeles.

Renard coached Saudi Arabia to a shock win against eventual winners Argentina at the 2022 World Cup in Qatar and has since coached the France women's team. Lamouchi had only been in charge since January.



England meet Croatia in battle of heavyweights



Luka Modric

Tuchel, Dalic face-off with early group control at stake

KANSAS CITY, REUTERS

England begin their World Cup campaign against Croatia in Arlington, Texas on Wednesday, a heavyweight Group L opener that could set the tone for both teams' tournament ambitions.

With Ghana and Panama also in the group, the early meeting between its two standout sides carries immediate significance. Victory would hand the winner control from the outset, while defeat risks placing early pressure on qualification hopes.

The fixture also arrives with a familiar narrative. Croatia's extra-time victory over England in the 2018 semifinals remains a defining moment in recent tournament history, and although both squads have evolved, the psychological edge of that night still lingers.

England come into the tournament among the favourites,

having cruised through qualifying with a perfect record and no goals conceded.

Under Thomas Tuchel, they appear more structured and tactically disciplined, built around a core that includes Harry Kane, Jude Bellingham and Bukayo Saka.

Midfielder Jordan Henderson believes the team's strength lies beyond individual quality. Asked what makes this group special, Henderson, who turns 36 on the day of the game, said: "Being together, of course, because there will be tough moments in tournaments, especially in the World Cup. "It's never going to go your way all the time. "There's going to be tough moments where you have to dig in, and the closer you are together as a group, the easier that'll be. "I feel like we're in a good place. It's just about getting that first game going and for us it's about showing everyone in the world how good we can be."

Tuchel's main dilemmas centre on selection rather than fitness, with competition for places in midfield,

defence and the No. 10 role where Jude Bellingham and Morgan Rogers are vying for the position underlining the depth at his disposal ahead of the opener.

Zlatko Dalic's Croatia, however, remain one of international football's most resilient tournament teams. Unbeaten in qualifying -- they dropped points in a draw with the Czech Republic -- and built around the enduring presence of 40-year-old Luka Modric, they combine experience with tactical discipline and are rarely overawed on the big stage.

The midfield battle is likely to be decisive. England's high-energy pressing game will look to disrupt Croatia's rhythm, while Modric, who is making his fifth and likely final World Cup appearance, and Mateo Kovacic will aim to control possession and slow the tempo.

For England, the opener offers a chance to underline their status as contenders.



In-form striker Harry Kane will be key for England FIFA World Cup ambitions under coach Thomas Tuchel. REUTERS

Portugal begin bid for elusive World Cup glory

HOUSTON, REUTERS

Portugal's latest bid for World Cup glory begins in Houston on Wednesday when they take on the Democratic Republic of Congo in a Group K clash against a side appearing at their first global finals in 52 years. DR Congo played as Zaire when they took part in the 1974 World Cup but lost all three games, conceded 14 goals and scored none.

They are unlikely to be so poor again. Portugal have 41-year-old Cristiano Ronaldo aiming to win one of the last remaining pieces of major silverware to have eluded him in his illustrious career.

They exited in the quarterfinals at the hands of another African side, Morocco, at the 2022 finals, while their best finish is third in 1966. A positive start is important in a pool that also contains Colombia and Uzbekistan.

They have lost only two of their last 15 World Cup group-stage matches, but one of those was to South Korea in 2022.

"We know the World Cup is a fast competition," Portugal defender Matheus Nunes said. "There are only eight games, and when we play against all these national teams, I think they all have a lot of quality nowadays.

"We have to approach every game as if it were a final, because in theory there may be teams that look weaker, maybe on paper, but then on the field, it's a match, and in a match anything can happen.

"Ninety minutes is a long time, and we have to be more than ready

to win every game." Portugal defender Ruben Dias trained separately from the rest of the squad on Monday for undisclosed reasons.

Portugal are unbeaten in their last five World Cup group-stage matches against African opponents, recording four wins and a draw since a 3-1 loss to Morocco in 1986.

DRC have had a disrupted build-up to the tournament due to the Ebola virus outbreak back home.

The majority of their players are based in Europe and none play for clubs in the DRC, but were subjected to a 21-day stay in camp in Belgium and Spain before being allowed to enter the United States.

They have since been well received in Houston and have looked relaxed and ready for the tournament, despite a 0-0 draw with Denmark and 2-1 loss to Chile in friendlies.

"We adapted to the situation," coach Sebastien Desabre said. "We had to focus, as we have had to adapt often. That is what we did.

"We worked well, we played two tough friendlies and here we are. Now, it is another step for us. It is up to us to put up a good showing in this tournament."

All eyes will be on Cristiano Ronaldo when Portugal begin their World Cup campaign against Democratic Republic of Congo. AFP



Confident Jordan keen to prove their worth

SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA, REUTERS: Jordan are feeling pride not pressure ahead of their World Cup debut against Austria and will fight to prove their worth in what will be a new chapter in the country's soccer history, captain Ehsan Haddad said on Monday.

Known for their strong counter-attacking, Jordan scored 32 goals in World Cup qualifying and are seeking to become the first team to reach the knockout stage in a debut appearance since Slovakia's feat in 2010.

"We are participating for the first time in our history. It is a great source of pride for us. This is pride



Jordan's Ehsan Haddad will hope to lead from the front against Austria in their group opener.

more than pressure. It was the dream to be here," Haddad said. "We have self-confidence," he said. "The pressure that we used to feel got us here. So let us see

where it's going to lead us to."

There will be no gentle introduction for the side known at home as Al-Nashama, or the "noble ones", with Austria eager to make their mark on the tournament after 28 years in the World Cup wilderness.

Jordan's next match in Group J will be against Algeria, then defending champions Argentina.

The step up to the World Cup will be a big leap, with the bulk of the Jordan squad from clubs at home or in the Middle East and only winger Mousa Al Tamari playing club football in Europe, with French side Stade Rennais.

Ghana set for much-improved Panama test

TORONTO, REUTERS

Ghana will kick off their World Cup campaign seeking to regain their prowess as a globally competitive soccer nation, with their opening test coming on Wednesday against a Panama side eager for their first-ever win in the tournament.

But the Black Stars were dealt an early blow after midfielder Thomas Partey's visa application to enter Canada was refused, leaving him unavailable for the Group L match at Toronto Stadium.

Ghana sit 73rd in FIFA rankings after a stretch of poor showings that included their failure to qualify for last year's Africa Cup of Nations, though they topped their World Cup qualifying group. The four-times AFCON champions have tapped veteran Portuguese coach Carlos Queiroz to help turn the tide and guide the country to the knockout stage for the first time since 2010, when they bowed out in the quarterfinals after a penalty shootout loss to Uruguay.

Queiroz has plenty of individual talent at his disposal but has had limited time to get his squad ready since taking the job in April.

With the team's talisman Mohammed Kudus missing the World Cup due to injury, Ghana will count on Manchester

On Wednesday	
Argentina vs Algeria	(6:30 am)
Austria vs Jordan	(9:30 am)
Portugal vs Congo	(10:30 pm)
On Thursday	
England vs Croatia	(1:30 am)
Ghana vs Panama	(4:30 am)
All timings in IST	

City forward Antoine Semenyo to lead a strong attack. After signing with the club in January, the 26-year-old netted 11 goals across all competitions, including the winner against Chelsea in the FA Cup final.

"Everything is possible when you have such wonderful ammunition in your hands," Queiroz said of his players after the team arrived in Rhode Island last week.

Panama are making their second World Cup appearance after showing great improvement under coach Thomas Christiansen. Since taking the reins in July 2020, the 53-year-old Dane has helped the country climb the FIFA rankings from 81st to 34th.

They finished runners-up to Mexico in last year's CONCACAF Nations League after beating the US in the semifinals, though they were knocked out of the Gold Cup quarter-finals by Honduras in a major upset.



Panama's Michael Amir Murillo (left) & Ghana's Jordan Ayew. AFP

SL player sanctioned for Sooryavanshi fracas

DAMBULLA, PTI: Sri Lankan cricketer Vishen Halambage and senior wicketkeeper Niroshan Dickwella have been sanctioned on separate counts by the SLC-appointed match referee Pradeep Jayapragash, due to their conduct during the tri-nation A series game versus India.

As per sources, Dickwella, who actually stopped the Vaibhav Sooryavanshi-Halambage fracas from getting ugly, was sanctioned for excessive appealing.

Halambage was sanctioned for his provocative comments towards Indian batters after a Super Over win, which led to an almost physical confrontation with 15-year-old India.

Sooryavanshi pushed Halambage during their heated argument. The quantum of sanctions hasn't been known. There was no confirmation whether Sooryavanshi and his skipper Tilak Varma was let off with warnings or handed official sanctions.

IN BRIEF

Football trials for Jr girls

► The Karnataka State Football Association will conduct selection trials to pick the state girls' team for the National Football Championship Sub-junior Girls at the Bangalore Football Stadium from June 18 to 20, reports DHNS.

Interested players from Bengaluru can take part in the trials on 18 & 19 while girls from other districts can participate on 20.

Players born on or after January 1, 2013 and on or before December 31, 2014, will be eligible to take part in the trials. Those interested are requested come with a photocopy of their birth certificates and Aadhar Card at 7:00 am.

BCCC camp from Jun 20

► Bangalore City Cricket Club will host its 30th BCCC Cricket Academy from June 20 at Defence Colony Grounds in Indiranagar, reports DHNS.

The camp will train budding cricketers from the ages of 5 to 17. For admission, please contact on 9448030326; 9448381857; 9900174335.

Stephen 'tricks in Shlok win

► Stephen Swami netted a hat-trick in a comfortable 4-1 victory for Shlok Hockey Club over Falcon HC in the KSHA Super Division Hockey League Championship, reports DHNS. **Results:** Shlok HC: 4 (Stephen Swami 5th, 14th, 22nd, Kartik Patare 47th) bt Falcon HC: 1 (Suresh 38th); 5 °C SC: 4 (Srirama 5th, Sami Razwan 6th, 20th, Amit 30th) Beat Rainbow HC: 1 (Viswa 35th).

ON TV

CRICKET

2nd ODI: India vs Afghanistan (1.30 pm). **LIVE on Star Sports Network, JioHotstar.**

Women's T20 WC: Australia vs Bangladesh (3 pm), India vs Netherlands (7 pm), South Africa vs Pakistan (11 pm). **LIVE on Star Sports Select 2, JioHotstar.**

Tri-Nation: Afghanistan A vs India A (10 am). **LIVE on Sony Sports Network, SonyLIV.**

2nd Test: New Zealand vs England (Day 1, 3.30 pm). **LIVE on Sony Sports Ten 2, SonyLIV.**

1st T20: Australia vs Bangladesh (1.30 pm). **LIVE on FanCode.**

FOOTBALL

World Cup: Argentina vs Algeria (6.30 am), Austria vs Jordan (9.30 am), Portugal vs Congo (10.30 pm), England vs Croatia (1.30 am, Thursday), Ghana vs Panama (4.30 am). **LIVE on Unit8 Sports, Zee5.**

HOCKEY

FIH Pro League: India vs Germany (11 pm). **LIVE on Star Sports Network, JioHotstar.**

Sooryavanshi needs gentle counselling, not harsh criticism

MADHU JAWALI
BENGALURU, DHNS

At 15 years of age, emotional outbursts are as surprising as Vaibhav Sooryavanshi routinely depositing the best bowlers in the world into the stands. They aren't, in many ways, unexpected. Unless you are a certain Sachin Tendulkar, most teenagers have to learn how to deal with pressure, disappointment and intense competition while on the job. That is why Monday's altercation involving Sooryavanshi and a few Sri Lankan players during a tri-series match between India A and Sri Lanka A should be viewed in that perspective rather than pass an immediate judgment.

Sooryavanshi is not an ordi-

nary teen. He has reached a level of cricket that very few players achieve, especially at such a young age. Rare as it can be, talent alone hasn't gotten him thus far; he has displayed in abundance the ambition, confidence and a competitive spirit that complement his game. All this has combined to catapult him to a superstardom not seen since Tendulkar's international foray as a teen. If anything, it's been amplified by an all-pervasive social media platforms. But, with that, comes greater scrutiny, even if you are a teen.

Crickets, as a team game, doesn't offer players many chances to have a go at each other, but those who play at the highest level know how demanding it can be. Opponents will resort to sledging, espe-

cially in close or high-stakes contests, to provoke you. You are not given concessions because you are tender-aged, particularly when you are ruining bowlers' reputations built over years of toil and success. Learning to remain calm or within permissible "breach" in those situations is an important part of growing as a cricketer. The right way respond when



Vaibhav Sooryavanshi will only learn from the altercation he had with Sri Lankan players on Monday in an 'A' tri-series match in Dambulla.

sometimes it simply means walking away from a situation before it gets worse.

emotions run high is as integral to sport as one's skillset. The greatest players in the game have all faced provocation at some stage, but what separates them is their ability to channel those emotions in the right way. Sometimes that means responding through performance and sometimes it simply means walking away from a situation before it gets worse.

Physical altercations have no place in sport, especially so in cricket. Sport thrives on intensity, but it must not cross the line in the sand. Sooryavanshi, given his lack of experience in top-flight cricket, may not have understood the gravity of physically pushing a rival player, no matter what the provocation is.

That said, it would be unfair to judge Sooryavanshi's character. Neither those who are defending his actions as the inevitable reaction nor those who are criticising his behaviour as some sort of a crime are helping the young cricketer's cause.

He doesn't warrant severe castigation, but he needs to be counselled about dos and don'ts. Even if he knows, sometimes they need to be instilled again. "... He'll (Sooryavanshi)

learn, he's a young kid with a lot of responsibilities and obviously, representing India," said Indian senior team spin coach Sairaj Bahutule, ahead of their second ODI against Afghanistan in Lucknow on Tuesday. "I think in the future, some sort of understanding will be there with him. And I'm sure he will not repeat it. I think such incidents can be avoided."

Carrying high expectations can be a daunting task even for seasoned campaigners, but it's more so for a teen who is yet to cut his teeth at the highest level. Sooryavanshi will encounter more such scenarios, perhaps even more intense and the challenge is to learn how to control that fire so it helps him succeed rather than gets him into trouble.



Smriti Mandhana

Smriti only Indian in TIME's most influential list

NEW YORK, PTI: Cricketer Smriti Mandhana has been named by TIME magazine among this year's 100 most influential people in sports, the only Indian to be featured on the list.

TIME's list of the 100 Most Influential People in Sports 2026 features athletes, coaches, advocates and investors who are "people shaping sports today."

The list, headlined by American basketball legend LeBron James, includes superstars from the world of sports such as football icon Lionel Messi, Chinese-American skier Eileen Gu, tennis star Carlos Alcaraz, basketball player Victor Wembanyama, legendary golfer Rory McIlroy among others.

The other big names in the list include another football icon Cristiano Ronaldo, South African cricket captain Temba Bavuma, who last year led his team to a historic Test series win in India as well as victory in the World Test Championship (WTC), basketball player for the New York Knicks Jalen Brunson and FIFA president Gianni Infantino.

Sri Lanka stun New Zealand

SOUTHAMPTON, AGENCIES: Sri Lanka scripted history with a thrilling five-wicket victory over New Zealand in the ICC Women's T20 World Cup here on Tuesday, securing their first-ever win over the White Ferns in the tournament.

Chasing 151, Sri Lanka recovered from a collapse that saw them slip from 45/1 to 55/4. Nilakshika Silva anchored the chase with an unbeaten 54 off 37 balls as the Lankans reached 153/5 in 19.4 overs. Earlier, Amelia Kerr (45) and Sophie Devine (45) guided New Zealand to 150/6.

Brief scores: New Zealand: 150/6 in 20 overs (Amelia Kerr 45, Sophie Devine 45; Kavisha Dilhari 2-35) It to Sri Lanka: 153/5 in 19.4 overs (Chamari Athapaththu 27, Nilakshika Silva 54 n.o.; Nensi Patel 2-23). **Result:** SL won by 5 wkts. **PoM:** Nilakshika Silva.

China B edge India in World Team snooker

BENGALURU, DHNS: Former champions India went down fighting to China B in their opening match of the World Team Snooker Championship at Guangdong in China on Tuesday.

The 2-3 loss to the hosts in the three-team Group B leaves India with a must-win situation against Turkey.

India had their chances to put it across their rivals in the best-of-five frame encounter. With the match poised on a knife's edge at 2-2, Aditya Mehta, who gave India the opening frame, frittered away the advantage and allowed the formidable Zhou Jinhao to help the hosts prevail in a thriller.

Down 20-22, Jinhao capitalised on Mehta's poor safety shot with a crucial break of 23. The Chinese cueist resorted to safety after taking the penultimate red. After a bit of a cat-and-mouse game, the Indian missed a long red and sold it to the top left-hand pocket. The promising Jinhao took the generous offering gleefully to seal the frame and match for China B, who had earlier outclassed Turkey 3-0.

Results: Group B: China B bt India 3-2 (Ma Hailong lt to Aditya Mehta 18-94 (54); Zhou Jinhao bt Pankaj Advani 76 (53); 29; Jinhao/Xu Jiahao bt Advani/Mehta 96 (81) - 7; Hailong lt to Advani 12-73 (62); Jinhao bt Mehta (60-22).

CRICKET SECOND ODI

Indians to continue with experimentation

Gill & Co, leading 1-0, look to seal series against Afghanistan today

SIDNEY KIRAN
LUCKNOW, DHNS

The Indian team has made no bones about using the series against Afghanistan as a testing ground for future prospects and the second ODI here on Wednesday is likely to be a petri dish for another such experiment, but the hosts will also have an eye on sealing the bilateral rubber at the earliest possible asking which will allow them the luxury to go full-on this weekend.

In the opening ODI in Dharamsala last Saturday, India handed out debuts to pacer Gurnoor Brar and left-arm spinning all-rounder Harsh Dubey, and to the think-tank's delight, despite the contest being reduced to 25-overs-a-side because of rain, both made strong first impressions.

Brar's selection for the series ahead of Auqib Nabi raised a lot of eyebrows, considering the latter was in good form and instrumental in helping Jammu & Kashmir win a historic maiden Ranji Trophy title. In comparison, the 26-year-old Brar had played just 18 first-class matches, 10 List A games, and 9 T20s, with just the reputation of having the ability to bowl fast. The Punjabi's numbers are modest at best. Brar, however, grabbed the opportunity with both hands. Using his 6'5" frame to good effect, the giant not only got the ball to bounce high quite often but was quick and swung it well to end up with figures of 3/27 in 4.5 overs.

Dubey leaked 47 runs in his five overs as Afghanistan opener Rahmanullah Gurbaz went after him, but the ever-smiling



India's (from right) Shubman Gill, Arshdeep Singh, Ishan Kishan and Gurnoor Brar during a practice session, ahead of the second ODI against Afghanistan in Lucknow on Tuesday. PTI

LIVE 1.30 PM

23-year-old Vidarbha south-paw chipped in with three wickets, especially in the crucial middle to end phase transition, to derail Afghanistan.

India may stick with the duo, but there's a possibility of Kuldeep Yadav coming in place of one of the three pacers, considering the pitch here at the Ekana Stadium tends to get slower as the game progresses. The hosts have Nitish Kumar Reddy as the seaming all-rounder, so Kuldeep's inclusion will be apt for the sweltering conditions. His left-arm wrist spin is ideal for a surface like Ekana, where it tends to

grip, and would complement Dubey and off-spinner Washington Sundar.

Same strategy

Last game, Ishan Kishan donned the wicketkeeper's gloves and batted at No. 3, but it remains to be seen if India continue with the same strategy or give Yashasvi Jaiswal a game and hand the gloves back to first choice KL Rahul. Jaiswal, a proper all-format batter, somehow has struggled to button down a place in limited-overs' teams for not entirely his fault, and he'll be hoping he gets a cap or two to prove his credentials before talisman Virat Kohli returns from injury.

Afghanistan, blanked 3-0 in an ODI series by the West Indies at this very venue in November 2019, brought the fight to the table in the opener with Gurbaz smashing a 51-ball 102. But Afghanistan, who have progressed from bantamweight to middleweight, learnt again that to beat a super heavyweight like India they need more than one or two individual brilliances. The quality in the Indian ranks is far superior, and they need a complete team effort to score a maiden win over the Men In Blue to keep the series alive. Else, the hosts will head to Chennai with the trophy in their bags.

Bhavani to lead 24-member Indian squad

NEW DELHI, PTI: Olympian C A Bhavani Devi was on Tuesday named in India's 24-member squad for the Senior Asian Fencing Championship, to be held here from June 19-24. The squad comprises 12 women and 12 men.

The championship will feature over 400 athletes from more than 30 countries and will serve as a direct qualification event for the Asian Games later this year in Japan.

Squad: Women: Foil: Joys Ashitha Stalinraj, Naorem Mina Devi, Sonia Devi Waikhom; Epee: Tanishka Khatri, Prachi Lohan, Mitva Jesangbhai Chaudhari; Sabre: CA Bhavani Devi, Shreyya Gupta, Jifarlin Jani Rextlin Simla, Shruthi Joshi.

Men: Foil: Shashini Haryana, Sanasam Hemash Singh, Aditya Haryana, Tejas Manoj Patil; Epee: Shrejin Rajendran Shanthim, Joseph Bennet, Shaurya Ashwini, Aloshious Koovakkal Joshy; Sabre: Karan Singh, Gisho Nidhi Kumares Padma, Vishal Thapar, and Lakshay Badser.

Harsh impresses Bahutule

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Talented young spinning all-rounder Harsh Dubey made a decent first impression in the opening ODI against Afghanistan, and India's spin coach Sairaj Bahutule felt the 23-year-old could be a good future prospect for the country.

Making his international debut in Dharamsala last Saturday following impressive performances on the domestic circuit as well as the IPL with Sunrisers Hyderabad, the Vidarbha left-arm orthodox spinner went for 47 runs in his quota of five overs in a truncated game but bagged three crucial wickets that included the crucial scalps of Hashmatullah Shahidi and Azmatullah Omarzai that derailed Afghanistan right when they were upping the tempo.

"Harsh definitely has a good future as an all-rounder," said



Sairaj Bahutule

the newly appointed Bahutule on the eve of the second ODI at the Ekana Stadium. "He's done exceedingly well for Vidarbha, and I think that's the reason why he's been given this opportunity. He's somebody who obviously with each game he'll learn.

"Last game also he was under pressure after that first over, but the way he came back, I think Shubman (Gill) also used him very well, made the right changes at the right time, gave him the ends which suited him. I think he's one player for the future, he's

got the skills, he's got a good temperament, and I think he's proved it not only in domestic cricket, but I think that one game which he got last time, he came back very strongly and he did really well."

Afghanistan skipper Shahidi said his team will be looking at minimising the errors as they seek a first win across formats against India. "When you play quality and big teams, they do not give you so many chances of winning. I think in the last game also, the way (Rahmanullah) Gurbaz played, it was one of the top innings I have ever seen. He was smashing every ball.

"After we lost his wicket, I lost mine too. After that (Mohammad) Nabi and Azmat (Azmatullah Omarzai) did not take responsibility. When you play teams like India, they do not give you so many chances. So, when you are in, you have to take advantage of that and do not give the game back to them."